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## *Jots From Joy*

It's summertime at HCPD. . . our ballfield is being used by the local youth for Little League Baseball, the Horner Busy Bees 4-H Club are again taking care of our flower beds (they won an award for them last year), and staff and volunteers have already begun their summer round of activities on behalf of HCPD.

On June 1, we were food vendors at Friends Day at Jackson's Mill; at the end of June we participated in the Weston Gold Robbery Festival as vendors of sarsaparilla (sassparilly) and our publications on the grounds of the historic Weston Hospital; several times during July, we hosted groups of teachers for their continuing education classes; then, August 8-11 is our Annual Gathering; and, finally, on Labor Day weekend, we will sell books and sassparilly at the Stonewall Jackson Heritage Arts and Crafts Jubilee at Jackson's Mill. Sandwiched in among these events, we served dinner to 60 or so members and wives of the Lewis County Shrine Club on June 13, posted several articles for sale on e-bay (donated by members specifically for this purpose), worked on updating our website, and, we continue to greet many of you as you travel to our library for research and fellowship.

Busy though we all have been, we are also saddened by the loss of dear friend and long-time board member Hartzel **STRADER** on May 31 and we're concerned about the health of our president, Cary **WILLIAMS**, who is fighting cancer. Your board of directors and I ask you to keep the **STRADER** and **WILLIAMS** families in your prayers.

While they are grateful for the assistance received in putting the Journal together during the past six or so years by volunteers across the country (Linda **BRAKE MEYERS**, Perry "Buzz" **BRAKE**, and Sharon **VIELLENAVE**), your board of directors recently decided that the best interests of HCPD would be served by bringing the layout of the Journal back to the local area where the editor and office staff are available to coordinate submissions and maintain continuity. They placed responsibility for the finished issues on our elected editor and the office staff rather than on volunteers throughout the country. Beginning with this issue, layout is being done "in house" in consultation with Barbara **PALMER**, our acting editor. Your comments and suggestions, as well as queries and articles, are always welcome.

**HARTZEL GUY STRADER**

## 10 June 1930 – 31 May 2002

Hartzel Guy **STRADER**, 71, of Miamisburg, Ohio, passed away on Friday, 31 May 2002, at Hospice of Dayton, following a short illness. He was born in Lewis County, West Virginia, 10 June 1930, a son of the late Ural Guy and Ottie Arville **(MEADOWS) STRADER**. He was a retired employee of DAP, Inc., retiring in 1993 after 23 years of service, and was an Army veteran of the Korean conflict. He recently was honored for his fifty years in the William G. Bennett Lodge #46 F&AM, Walkersville, West Virginia.

An avid genealogist, he was honored as one of West Virginia's History Heroes as well as First Families of Ohio. He was a charter and Life member of the Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants, Inc., and had served on our board of directors for more nearly twenty years. He was a recipient of the John **HACKER** Award in 19\_\_\_. He will be remembered by family history researchers of Lewis County, West Virginia, where, with technical assistance from his son Alan, he compiled the county's birth records from 1853 through 1929 and death records from 1853 through 1955 and made them available for publication through HCPD. He especially enjoyed mapping cemeteries and recording the information found on the gravestones; he documented two-thirds of Lewis County's 227 cemeteries, donating the his results to the HCPD for incorporation in their eleven books of cemetery listings in the county. He researched and mapped the Skin Creek area of the county and provided annotation for Sam **HARDMAN's** History of Vandalia; in recent years, he provided guided tours of the Skin Creek area and was scheduled to do the same during this year's Annual Gathering.

While the exact cause of his death is pending, friends would like to know that Hartzel's illness began when he choked and fell after getting a drink of water at one of his favorite genealogical libraries in the Midwest in April. Three surgeries for brain injury followed in May. He was conscious and cognizant until a week before his death.

He was preceded in death by his parents and by two brothers, Arthur and Eldon **STRADER**.

He is survived by his wife, Betty L. **WAGNER**, whom he married 1 October 1955 in Akron, Ohio; two sons and daughters-in-law, Thomas G. and Phyllis **STRADER** of Buckhannon, West Virginia, Alan L. and Natalie **STRADER** of Noblesville, Indiana; a daughter and son-in-law, Linda M. and John **CARTER** of Moraine, Ohio; four grandchildren, Nicholas and Katelynn **STRADER**, Kristen Ross and Shelby **CARTER**; one brother, Herman **STRADER**, and two sisters, Julia Anna **BURGE** and Ethal Mae **SMITH**; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m., Tuesday, June 3, 2002, from the Gebhart-Schmidt-Parramore Funeral Home, 508 E. Linden Avenue, Miamisburg, Ohio. Pastor David **FRY** officiated.

The family received friends at the funeral home on Monday from 6-8 p.m. Graveside burial services will be held on Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the Greenlawn Cemetery, Barberton, Ohio. The family wishes to express their gratitude to Kettering Memorial hospital Surgical ICU and to Hospice of Dayton for the comfort and care they provided to Hartzel. Memorial contributions may be made in his memory to Hospice of Dayton, 324 Wilmington Avenue, Dayton, Ohio 45420 or to HCPD, 45 Abbotts Run Road, Horner, WV 26372, where a special project will be completed in his memory.

Hartzel will also be honored during the necrology service at the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Gathering of the HCPD, 7 p.m., August 9, 2002.

Hartzel will be missed by all who knew him and especially by his family and friends here at HCPD. He was a treasured part of our organization. His contributions to genealogical research of the Central West Virginia area will be used by researchers down through the ages.

### **What court papers did your ancestor leave behind ?**

## **Ohio County (WV) Index, Vol. 10 – More Unique Records !**

**Card Index to all Ohio County Courts' Case Files & Loose Papers, Part 3: 1837-1841 by Ken Craft**

Volume 10 continues the series by continuing to publish an exciting group of Ohio County, VA/WV Records – the “Card Index to Ohio Co. Courts’ original case files & loose papers” housed at the West Virginia & Regional History Collection at WVU. During the 1930’s a massive project was undertaken to collect and [partially] index all the surviving Ohio Co., VA/WV court case files & loose papers [about 500,000 items] from every court: County, Circuit, Superior, Circuit Superior, etc. from 1776-1930 ! An index card was made for each document showing the plaintiff & defendant (or personal entry), the offense (or subject), the envelope number [at WVU] containing the original papers and a brief description of what documents are included in the envelope. These cards have been entered into a database and are being published for the first time ever in this series ! Volume 10 covers the period 1837-1841.

What’s in these records ? Just about anything – whatever survived ! By covering all the courts, we find an index to criminal cases; Chancery court cases & files dealing with disputes over estates; more names involved in ‘Road Orders’, Grand Juries, Witnesses, wolf scalp payments, militia officers and war service; a few Land Grants and Naturalizations, etc. **584 pages (including Index) Book # C710 Prepub Price \$50.20 before 10/31/02; \$62.70 after that plus \$5.00 standard shipping. Order from:**

**Heritage Books, 1540-E Pointer Ridge Place, Bowie, MD 20716 or**

## ***THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES***

As HCPD celebrates its Twentieth Anniversary this year, it stirs memories in the minds of those who have been a part of the organization in little ways and big ways over the years. We've asked some of them to share their memories . . . and invite you to do the same. Here are two stories, one of which appeared on HCPD-L and the other previously unpublished:

### ***One Joy and Some Fun for HCPD - but Not for Ed***

"I'll paint from the 13 feet high ceiling down for 3 feet," said Joy **STALNAKER**, the HCPD Executive Director, "if you all will paint it down to the baseboard."

Fair enough. So the volunteer painters of HCPD came to paint the walls of the Weston Colored School where our Library would be located in 1992. The painters included Joy **STALNAKER**, Irma **CURTIS**, Charles **HECKERT**, the late Bill **WAGGONER**, Ed (Bud) **ALLMAN** and Maurice **ALLMAN**.

Maurice was a little late because he was completing financial arrangements with Dr. **MACE**, Superintendent of the Lewis County Schools, to help HCPD by absorbing the costs of the electric, heat, water and sewage fees. In return, HCPD would give presentations concerning genealogy to the grade school students as a part of local, early history of the county. It was a good example of team cooperation.

At about 10:30 a.m., Maurice returned to help in painting and found Ed on the Library floor wiping up and trying to clean up lots of peach colored paint splattered on the gray floor. It was some mess! As Maurice approached Ed, who was down on his knees, Ed looked up at him and said, " Don't say a D--word!"

Maurice said, "Yes sir," and left to go the other side of the room where Bill Wagoner was painting the base board white.

Ed had made an "S" hook from a small wire and hung a full gallon of paint on the upper ladder step. He was carefully climbing down the ladder to get his paint brush, when the "S" hook straightened itself, and the full bucket of paint beat him to the floor! Some race!

The bucket hit on its bottom rim then burped a full gulp of paint forward to a freshly painted gray desk and all over the floor.

Maurice asked Bill to quickly take a close up picture of Ed on the floor praying and cussing at the same time. Now Bill was a master of "composing a picture" and that involves more than just pushing a button on a camera.

HCPD had the picture developed, enlarged, framed, and hung on the library wall with other pictures of HCPD volunteers' history.

Maurice says that he is sure that Bill is still laughing as he travels with his family and friends on a Heavenly Cloud.

- submitted by Maurice **ALLMAN**, Philippi, WV

### **School Days or Was It Fool Days?**

Several "Gatherings" ago, Joyce **CHAMBERS** approached me to take a part in a skit to be presented as part of that weekend's activities. It seems that the person due to do the part had developed a severe case of frostbite of the lower extremities and would not be available.

Joyce explained that she had looked everywhere for a replacement with no luck at all and was scratching the bottom of the barrel. That's where she found me. After pleading her case, and putting my right arm into the general shape of a pretzel, I agreed to help her out.

The skit had to do with a class of students in an early Western Virginia school in the late 1860's. This was the period shortly after the Civil War; West Virginia had just become a state, feelings were running high, and the teacher was trying to put his students into the framework of the times.

I asked about a script for the part and when I opened the paper it simply said, "Wing it, Kid"!

I was to pester the kids around me, make funny pictures of the teacher on my slate, and just behave in a bad manner making a nuisance of myself. Joyce was a good casting director as I am really good at being a nuisance.

After the class room part was over, each "student" was to stand and give a brief story about a favorite ancestor. One "student" gave a speech about her GGGGfather, Sir Humphry of Avon. Another told of his ancestor's connection to William the Conqueror. And so it went.

I was the last to tell about famous ancestors, and I had none. What to do? I told of some famous Wares, not necessarily related to me. For example there was Leroy Wagner Ware who pioneered in cast iron cookware. There was Roger Tupper Ware the well known leader in plastics. There were the great Pinkerton detective, Herman Underwood Ware, known as "Old Undie" and was the best there was at getting to the bottom of things.

Also the Ware name is well known throughout the Wal-Mart chain. There is Uncle Mense Ware, Aunt Ladyce Ware and cousin Boyce Ware.

My theatrical career began at that HCPD "Gathering". (Only to end a few years later at another "Gathering.")

I was nominated for a "Hackie", (or was it a "Creekie") for my part as the mean little kid.

These awards(?) are given to any member of the HCPD family who is willing to stand before his peers and make a fool of himself.

Thank you, HCPD, for the many memories

- Submitted to HCPD-L by Raymond **WARE** of Newell, AL



# HATS OFF TO HCPD GATHERING 2002

Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants, Inc.  
20th Anniversary Gathering, but our 21<sup>st</sup>  
Gathering

August 8-11, 2002

**Meeting cousins and kissin' kin! Renewing old acquaintances! Taking classes! Watching demonstrations! Touring Central West Virginia! Laughing! Crying! Sharing Genealogy! Researching! More!**

Read on to learn more about the gather, then browse through the scheduled events on the next page. To register, complete the registration form and mail it with your check or credit card information to: **HCPD, 45 Abbotts Run Road, Horner, WV 26372.** If you need further information, call us at **304.269.7091** or e-mail us at [hcpd@hackerscreek.com](mailto:hcpd@hackerscreek.com).

Many of our events are held outdoors under the big tents in the library's front yard. In case of rain, events will be moved into the library. All workshops will be held in the Horner UM Church across Route 33 from the library. HCPD projects, and craft demonstrations and instruction will be held at the library.

**LIBRARY RESEARCH** - Our volunteer librarians, directed by our Librarian Irma **CURTIS**, are on hand to help you research in our collection. Family and county histories, all kinds of records, microfilm, computer databases, and much more will be available.

## **RULES**

- ❖ No book research may be done in the stacks area; please sign out all books at the designated place & take to research area. **DO NOT RESHELF!** Place books on book cart in research room
- ❖ You may photocopy all you want. We use the honor system. Copies are 10 cents for members
- ❖ Computers and microfilm readers and printers are limited to 1 consecutive hour per person. If no one is waiting, you may continue to use the machine.

**HCPD-L AREA** - a special place set aside where those who participate in HCPD-L (HCPD on the Internet) can gather and begin to put faces to the names they see on their computer screens everyday.

**JOHN SLEETH TRADING POST**- John **SLEETH** operated one of the first trading posts in our region. We may not have all the hardware that he carried, but we guarantee that you'll find things in our shop that will please you! There may even be a new book or two for your home library!

**CHANCES TO WIN** - Throughout the Gathering there will be opportunities to participate in 50-50 drawings and raffles. If you have an item to contribute for a raffle, please contact Joy **STALNAKER** or Mary **CREAMER**.

## **FOOD**

Breakfast is on your own.

You must purchase lunch and dinner tickets before the event; these are included as part of your registration.

Lunches will be served buffet style under the tent (weather permitting) and include main course, salad, dessert and drink.

Thursday's dinner is a covered dish. Meat is provided by HCPD. Out-of-towners can find deli food or easily prepared food at several local groceries.

Both Friday and Saturday dinners will be served family style by the Vandalia Extension Homemakers at Peterson-Central Elementary School. Friday evening's fare will feature chicken; Saturday evening will be baked steak.

**WORKSHOPS** - we try to provide topics for a variety of interests. Sign up on arrival at Gathering. Synopses of the workshops submitted to date are:

- ❖ *Applying Technology to Cemetery Reading* - Frances **VANSCOY** - Researchers at WVU are using a laser scanner to read badly eroded cemetery inscriptions. The laser scanner sends laser light to the face of the monument and measures the time it takes for the light to be reflected back to the scanner. Using graphics editing software we are able to move artificial light sources around to cast shadows and to cut away the front surface of the stone.
- ❖ *Pleasures and Pitfalls of Researching your Revolutionary War Ancestor* - David **ARMSTRONG** Possible problems such as misidentification of a soldier of the same name; the wealth of information that people miss when they stick to published indexes and don't follow the paper trail to the original document; possible lesser known sources for following one's ancestor and his unit.
- ❖ *Genealogy and Online Resources* - Debbie **MALEC** Web Master Techniques; Scanning and Printing old photos; finding cousins and sharing ancestors; some emphasis on adoption and finding ancestors; info on putting your family tree into that final book.

**TOURS** – **Two tours were originally scheduled, one by Joy STALNAKER** and the other by the late Hartzel **STRADER**. With Hartzel's passing, there will only be one tour this year. \$5 per person per tour. Travel by schoolbus. Buses are not air-conditioned, so dress to stay cool. Drinks provided. Sign up on arrival at Gathering.

**HAT CONTEST** - At Saturday night's banquet, attendees are encouraged to wear a hat of their own creation. To participate in this contest, you must bring a hat with you, but there will be opportunity on Friday afternoon to work on personalizing your base hat if you so choose. Prizes will be awarded in several categories.

**LODGING** – Camp sites are available at the library & at Stonewall Jackson Lake (ph. 304. 269.0523). There are some rental cottages at the lake also; use the same phone number. Area motels are:



Comfort Inn  
Exit 99 I-79  
Weston, WV  
Ph: 304.269.7000

Super 8 Motel  
Exit 99 I-79  
Weston, WV  
Ph: 800.800.8000

Wilderness Plantation  
Exit 105 I-79  
Jane Lew, WV  
Ph. 304.884.7806

Hampton Inn  
New Rt. 33 W  
Buckhannon, WV  
Ph. 304.473-0900

**LATE REGISTRATION FEE** – Registration postmarked after August 1 will be charged an additional \$5 late registration fee.

## SCHEDULE

### Thursday, August 8, 2002

10:00 a.m. Early registration- Library, John Sleeth Trading Post, & HCPD-L area opens  
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Lunch under the tents  
1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Research or Projects of assistance to HCPD- Persons interested may spend as much time as they wish on a project beneficial to all of HCPD  
5:30 p.m. Library closes  
6:00 p.m. Covered dish picnic  
7:00 p.m. Official opening- 20th Annual Gathering

### Friday, August 09, 2002

8:30 a.m. Registration opens. Library John Sleeth Trading Post, & HCPD-L area opens  
9:00 a.m. Workshop I- *More Legal Terms Demystified* - Dennis **RODGERS**  
10:30 a.m. Workshop II- *Applying Technology to Cemetery Reading*- Frances **VANSCOY**  
12:00 p.m.- 1:00 p.m. Lunch under the tents  
12:45 p.m. Hacker's Creek Tour- Joy **STALNAKER**-\$5 fee to cover bus rental  
1:00 p.m. Workshop III- *Cemetery Rubbings* - Paula **CURRAN**  
1:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. Projects of interest and assistance to HCPD- See Thursday  
*Reviving Old Time Crafts* - Persons who practice various crafts which are no longer common will be available for observation or personal instruction  
2:00 p.m. *Creating your hat for the hat contest*. We'll supply the glitz, flower, glitter and various hats; you supply the ideas and the hands. – Betty Ann **NICHOLSON**  
3:00 p.m. *Brainstorming* – Led by selected HCPD board members  
5:00 p.m. Library closes  
6:00 p.m. Dinner- Peterson-Central Elementary School  
7:00 p.m. Memorial Service  
7:15 p.m. Roll Call of States and Families  
7:30 p.m. *School Days Revisited*, a one-act play - We pull this skit which was by written by our own Raydine **TEICHEIRA** out of the drawer every five or ten years, re-work it, re-cast it, and enjoy it again. You won't want to miss this evening!

### Saturday, August 10, 2002

8:30 a.m. Registration opens-Library, John Sleeth Trading Post, & HCPD-L area opens  
9:00 a.m. Annual Business Meeting – This year we will elect officers and those board members whose terms expire.  
10:30 a.m. Workshop IV- *HCPD offerings: A Review of the HCPD Library* – Joy **STALNAKER**  
10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Projects of assistance to HCPD- as above

12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. Lunch under the tents  
1:00 p.m. Workshop V- *Pleasures and Pitfalls of Researching Your Revolutionary War Ancestor* - David **ARMSTRONG** - "Watch fors" and "Watch outs" + Q & A  
1:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. Projects of assistance to HCPD and Reviving Old Time Crafts  
2:30 p.m. Workshop VI- *Genealogy and Online Resources*- D. **MALEC**  
3:00 p.m. Pickin' and Singin' under the Tents  
5:00 p.m. Library closes  
6:30 p.m. Banquet- Peterson -Central Elementary  
Awards ceremony - Hat contest - Clarksburg Barbershop Quartet

**Sunday, August 11, 2002**

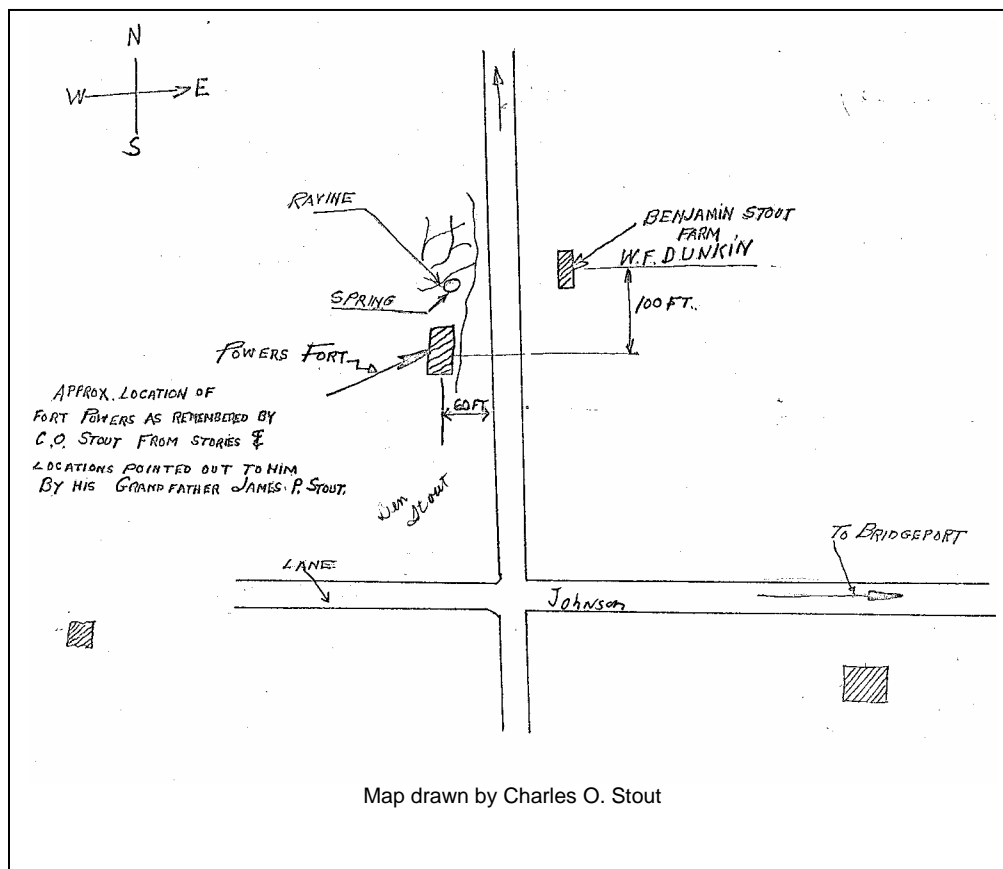
10:00 a.m. Church services - Broad Run Baptist Church

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Can anyone identify the Pat on the left? Right is George **DONOHUE** 1898-1976. It looks as if it was taken abt. 1918, Pat was his best friend, and also the friends of Denny **SHINN**. It was probably in Parkersburg, or Ripley , WV. Thanks. Jane **BOUCHER** 406 Schoolhouse Rd. East Stroudsburg, PA. 18301 or [valjan@ptd.net](mailto:valjan@ptd.net).

**WHERE IN THE WORLD WAS POWERS FORT?**

by Barbara PALMER



Before the Revolutionary War, when Harrison County, West Virginia, was teeming with Indians and was still a wilderness west of the Allegheny Mountains, a fort was built near the site of the old Methodist Church on Davis Street in southeast Bridgeport. It was located above the current Route 50 bridge in old downtown Bridgeport and was called "Bridge Fort" as one had to cross a small, primitive bridge to get to the fort. This was prior to 1770, and that fort has never been referred to as being **POWERS** Fort.

George **GRUNDY**, whose son, William, was killed by Indians in 1778, erected a blockhouse at the mouth of Barnett Run about 1770; and John **POWERS** erected his fort in 1771 or 1772, depending on which source is used. **POWERS'** son, William, married Hannah **STOUT** and settled near West's Fort, at present-day Jane Lew, on Hacker's Creek. William, being somewhat educated for a man of his time, together with William **HACKER**, is credited with writing the original **Chronicles of Border Warfare**. John **HACKER**, the latter's father, and John **POWERS** were primary sources for much of the information in the original manuscript. The manuscript lay dormant for years, and when Hacker passed away, **POWERS** purchased **HACKER's** interest in the work. In 1831, Joseph **ISRAEL**, a Clarksburg

Full page map –

Early Property Owners in Simpson Creek Area

*Originally researched by Kingsley **SMITH***

editor, purchased the manuscript and arranged for its publication by employing Alexander Scott **Withers** to prepare it for press. The reader is referred to *Hacker's Creek Journal*, Volume II, Issue 3&4, for details.

Among the first permanent settlers in the Simpson Creek area were James **ANDERSON**, (later the second sheriff of the county), Thomas **WEBB**, Andrew **DAVISSON**, Joseph **WILKENS**ON and John **POWERS**. John **SIMPSON**, for whom the creek is named, originally came to western Virginia with the **PRINGLE** brothers, who he had met at Fort Pitt. They proceeded together to the Tygart Valley, and, after a disagreement, parted ways. The Pringle brothers proceeded to Upshur County, near Buckhannon, and John **SIMPSON** came to the creek that bears his name. He then traveled to the West Fork River and erected a cabin in the Stealey area of Clarksburg at the mouth of Elk Creek, which he also named. He remained on Elk Creek through 1764 and 1765. After returning to the area from a trip east for supplies, he argued with a man named **COTTRILL** over a peck of salt and shot **COTTRILL** to death. Simpson then sold his land to Nicholas **CARPENTER** and disappeared into the wilderness. While in the area, he claimed most of the northeastern quadrant of Harrison County under the tomahawk land treaty.

James **ANDERSON** patented from the public lands, in what is now Simpson District, Harrison County, the original town site in the vicinity of the current Venture Real Estate Complex on Virginia Avenue, including the area east to Worthington Avenue and north to near Compton Park. The land east of James **ANDERSON**, Sr., was patented by Joseph **WILKENS**ON. The land to the south of Simpson's Creek and west of the **WILKENS**ON patent was embraced in a patent to Joseph **DAVISSON**. John **POWERS** was able to obtain the lands west of **ANDERSON** and **DAVISSON**, his eastern boundary being near the sight of the present Johnson Grade School and Bridgeport High School. He eventually owned nine hundred contiguous acres. The original patents contained four hundred acres under the Homestead Act of 1779, which basically stated that one could obtain four hundred acres of "western land" at no cost by "squatters' rights" or "possession being nine tenths of the law".

**Chronicles of Border Warfare** states that John **POWERS** purchased an additional five hundred acres from John **SIMPSON**'s tomahawk claim to the land upon which Ben **STOUT** now resides (the northeast meadow which became the **STOUT** property); James **ANDERSON** and Jonas **WEBB** located themselves further up the creek.

With the exception of **POWERS** Fort, almost all of the locations of area forts are well known. However, **POWERS** Fort is commonly thought to be one of the better located forts as it was never burned or assaulted by Native Americans nor is there record of it being abandoned due to Indian attacks.

The location of **POWERS** Fort has been a mystery for well over one hundred years. A local attorney, Kingsley **SMITH**, moved to Bridgeport in 1948 and made the finding of the location of **POWERS** Fort his avocation. Although many sources have been used to compile this short article (see the bibliography), Mr. **SMITH**'s interviews of local residents and the author's more recent interviews of others serve as the basis of this story.

A short description of the fort is in the West Virginia State Archives.

"Fort **POWERS**: a small fort situated on Simpson Creek. It appears to have been erected by John **POWERS** in 1771. In 1778, James **OWENS** left this fort on horseback; when he had gone a short distance his saddle girth gave way and he dismounted to mend it. While thus engaged he and his horse were both killed by Indians in an Ambushcade.

"In this fort was reared William **POWERS** to whom we are indebted for much information concerning the border wars in this region.

"The fort was located about 300 yards from the present Simpson's Creek highway on land in the rear of Miss Effie **BROWN's** residence one mile below the Bridgeport railroad station."

In November 1955, Kingsley **SMITH** writes, "I have talked with dozens of people and spent a lot of time hiking around Bridgeport in an effort to locate (**POWERS**) fort. I have no particular purpose in mind; I just want to know where the cussed thing was. As near as I can tell now, it was located about a mile below Bridgeport on the Simpson Creek Road, on the Frank **SMITH** farm across the road from Bill **DUNKIN's** meadow. However, I still am not sure about it."

This site, as described, is actually about two miles below Bridgeport.

In December 1958 and at the age of eighty, Mr. Jim **STONESTREET** stated that he had lived around Bridgeport for fifty years and that he had inquired about the fort. He said that no two people agreed where the fort was, but most people said it was on the Frank **SMITH** farm behind the **SMITH** home. He said Frank **SMITH** told him of old records speaking of Fort Run, but he cannot tell which run it was "nowadays". Lee **STOUT** told **STONESTREET** that it was behind **SMITH's** house on a knoll and said there was a baseball diamond on that knoll in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. This old baseball diamond is remembered by current (2001) residents as having been on the west side of Simpson Creek near the picnic area by the red covered bridge, which has been in its current location since 1899. Prior to that, it was located one half mile north, where it was washed out by flood waters.

Another well-known and respected citizen of the area, Nate **RICHARDS** told Mr. **SMITH** that the old fort was "near Charles **FOEPEL's** barn....near the big bend in Simpson Creek and most likely on the knoll on the Frank **SMITH** farm." This location would now be beneath or west of I-79.

Arthur **Crim**, with whom Kingsley **SMITH** also spoke in November 1955, stated that he lived in the old log house in Bill **DUNKIN'S** (**STOUT's**) meadow as a young boy. He said that he had always heard that this was the original John **POWERS** house. The **STOUTs** bought it, added to it, and then it was sold with the land to Bill **DUNKIN**. He declared that in the main part of the house, in the two upstairs rooms, the logs had eight or nine spaces about two inches wide and filled with wooden block which could be pushed out, apparently for the purpose of making portholes through which to fire at attacking Indians.

**CRIM** also said that the old two-story cabin stood across the lane from the site of the fort. and that there was a ball diamond there in later years (about 1900). He said he remembers his step-father pulling up the old logs from the fort and putting them around the ball diamond for spectators to sit on to watch the games.

In 1955, Pauline **STOUT**, whose family owned an original 400-acre plat in the 1770's, stated that it was her understanding that the fort faced the roadway across from the property owned by Frank **SMITH**. The fort was on the **STOUT** property, now owned by Bill **DUNKIN**, and some of the stones of the old foundation could still be located there. (Between the current Medbrook Road and Driftwood Lane.)

In November, **SMITH** writes that the most likely location of the old fort at present, appears to be directly across Meadowbrook Road from what was the old Lee **STOUT** house on the north end of William **DUNKIN's** meadow, and on the site of an old barn of Frank **SMITH's** which collapsed in 1953 or 1954. This would place it behind and below Medbrook Emergency Care Center and Blake Center.

Five days later, on November 22, 1955, Mr. **SMITH** writes, in addition to the above, another possible sight is near a grove of trees on the bank of Simpson Creek just south of the big dairy barn on Charlie **FOEPEL's** farm. This updated information came from a second conversation with Jim **STONESTREET**. Most of **FOEPEL's** land would, today, lie on the west side of I-79, but would also include the Lodgeville Road.

Another theory posited by plating out John **POWERS** land, and presented by Mr. **SMITH**, is that the old fort sat on a high bluff on the northern most area of his land, which would be across the red covered bridge on the Despard Road, otherwise known as the **WOLFE** Mountain Road. In the state archives is a reference (handwritten) to **POWERS** Fort being the only fort in the Virginia Territory that sits on a bluff, as opposed to being built on bottom land.

The land across the bridge on the Despard Road later became the **LAW DAIRY FARM**. I spoke with Zellet W. **LAW**, whose family owned this land. He stated firmly that he never heard any such thing as to the fort being located on that side of the bridge. It is Mr. **LAW's** opinion that the fort stood on Bridgeport Country Club land, down around the entrance to Club View Drive.

Harrison Steele, born in 1888, lived on Barnett Run all his life. He said that his brother played on the old ball diamond at the Frank **SMITH** farm, but he never did. It was located, according to the stories he heard as a boy, on the knoll behind Frank **SMITH's** house. He does not recall any logs at the ball diamond.

The old ball diamond in the 1940s, however, was located in the picnic area on the north side of the red covered bridge on the east side of Simpson Creek. It was his understanding that, however, from hearing the old-timers talk when he was a boy, **POWERS** Fort was near the Frank **SMITH** house and probably on the site of the cottage to the left or west of and near the old road that leads from the present bend (between Medbrook and Scheetz) at the Frank **SMITH** farm straight on down to Simpson Creek.

It is near site of this ball diamond that was by the red covered bridge that two of today's most noted historians of Harrison County, Jack Sandy **ANDERSON** and David **HOUCHIN**, believe the location of **POWERS** Fort to have been.

Mr. J. Dunkin **LODGE**, in a handwritten letter to Mr. **SMITH** in December 1955, claimed that the best living authority on the location of the old fort would be Charles Otis **STOUT** of Centerburg, Ohio. Mr. **STOUT** was born in 1880, and his grandfather, born about 1825, pointed the sight out to Charles on more than one occasion. A map prepared by Charles **STOUT** places the fort between what one would consider to be Medbrook/Blake Center and Interstate 79, based on the layout of today's roads and considering the rerouting of Simpson Creek to build the interstate highway.

In trying to pinpoint a location of the fort, one must remember that John **POWERS** had nine-hundred acres, which laid mostly on the west side of Simpson Creek around and including Ocean Mines, not far from the Lodgeville Road which turns north today, across from the entrance to Eastpointe Shopping Center. This road, only recently opened for public use, still crosses private land and terminates between 84 Lumber and Medbrook Medical Plaza on Johnson Avenue. When traveling north from Route 50, one passes Ocean Mines to the left, then crosses Charles **FOEPPPEL's** farm on which is a bridge over Simpson Creek to the northeast side.

However, if one were to forget today's layout of road and remember that in 1771 there were no roads as we know them, just trails and pathways, then Mr. **STOUT's** map could also be interpreted as being the intersection of the present Johnson Avenue where it turns right up Parr Hill and the old mining road that is the current entrance to Woodside Heights.

In an interview Mr. J. A. **PRESTON**, J. P., (born about 1883) stated that while helping to build the road from the Meadowbrook Road to Ocean Mines (later changed to Lodgeville), that John **LODGE**, overseer of the project, and then an old man, stated that he (**LODGE**) could remember, as a boy, the ruins of the fort at the site of the building of the road. According to him, the fort site was on the bluff overlooking the football field. He also stated that he was of the belief that the remnants had been blasted away in building the road.

Squire **PRESTON** further said that his grandfather's grandfather told him about the fort and said that he had been inside it, that it was built as a stockade and covered several acres of ground. It had a blockhouse in it and platforms running around the stockade so that fire could be returned at the Indians in any direction. Squire **PRESTON** also spoke of the location of several Indian villages within a two or three mile radius of the fort.

If one should choose to prove or disprove this hypothesis, it would place Fort **POWERS** on the Woodside Heights bluff and Ray **BLAKE's** land where his home is built along Willow Lane.

Although the location of **POWERS** Fort on the Woodside Heights bluff is not a popularly held theory, it may, in fact, be the most plausible, when compared to the description of



the location of the Fort in the State Archives. This location is one mile from the train depot and is on a bluff. It is also located on the northeast line of John **POWERS'** plat, and the map drawn by Charles O. **STOUT** can be applied to this location. In the late 18<sup>th</sup> century, it is entirely plausible that the sharp right hand turn shown on the **STOUT** map is the turn going up Parr Hill in the ravine east of Woodside Heights and the **BLAKE** property. Additionally, due to this ravine east of Woodside and Simpson Creek to the west, this road would have been the logical path through that area.

Woodside Heights developer, Charles "Bud" **SAYLER**, told this writer that the road left Johnson Avenue (Meadowbrook Road) and went up the hill, traveling along the top of the ridge then dropping down to where it forded Simpson Creek and on to the mines or to the old National Turnpike. The word "Lane" on **STOUT's** map could be referring to the old Woodside mining road; and the arrow would mark the road up Parr Hill, before turning left and heading toward Medbrook.

Squire **PRESTON**, in retracing his steps, was positive that the road he helped build to the mines was the one overlooking the football field, and that bluff was where **POWERS** Fort stood.

Wiley's **History of Monongalia County** states that the old fort was one and a half miles below Bridgeport near the old **JOHNSON** greenhouse. It is one and three-tenths miles to the top of the hill in Woodside Heights, and one mile to the entrance of the old mining road. It is two miles from the train depot to Medbrook, by the distance measured by Simpson Creek, and one mile up creek to Woodside. **JOHNSON's** greenhouse was on the land where the Bridgeport School complex is now located, just below the football field, and Woodside Heights, which overlooks the football field.

Dunkin **LODGE**, in 1955, however, stated without doubt, that the fort was originally situated on **SMITH's** farm. He believed **PRESTON** was confused about the bluff overlooking the football field. He never heard of anything other than the fort being on the Frank **SMITH** property. **PRESTON**, he says, must be thinking of a Civil War fort or small stockade built by the Union soldiers for the purpose of housing soldiers guarding wooden trestles.

John **SUTTON**, a lifelong resident, did some inquiring recently and conferred with Richard **DUEZ**, also a longtime resident and history buff. Mr. **SUTTON** stated (February 2002) that Frank **SMITH's** house was where Medbrook is now, and fort was located on the knoll behind. He noted that that the distance to the creek in 1771 was closer as there was no highway. The fort was a stockade-type fort where local residents came when Indian attacks were eminent. There was a cabin-type structure inside the stockade which the **POWERS** family resided, and the community gathered inside the stockade and small buildings when necessary. According to Mr. **SUTTON's** description, it was not a "fancy structure" like some of the other forts; but its location was excellent, and it accomplished its intended purpose.

Mr. **SUTTON** described the location as the most popular one among residents whose families go back many generations in this area. It also compliments much of Kingsley **SMITH's** research. If, in fact, the **CRIM** house in **DUNKIN's** meadow, was the original **POWERS'** home, and the fort was at Medbrook, a stockade could have encompassed the house, as well as a blockhouse, etc., and provided safety to area settlers in the 1770's.

The final questions to be answered are "Where was Frank **SMITH's** farm?" and "Where was Bill **DUNKIN's** meadow?" Once this information is included, the reader may draw his own conclusion. Frank **SMITH**, the **STOUTs**, **STONESTREET** and Kingsley **SMITH** never reached a final conclusion. The east line of **POWERS'** plat includes most of the **DUNKIN** property near Johnson Grade School. The northern line of **POWERS'** tract is at Frank **SMITH's** land, and includes a small strip of land on the north side of Simpson Creek where the **LAW DAIRY FARM** was located.

The Frank **SMITH** farm was located from the area of the current Medbrook and continued to within a short distance of **SMITH** Chapel. Although many older residents of Bridgeport living in the 1950s believed the fort to be on this farm, including its owner, Kingsley **SMITH** writes, "From the point of view of the topography, the locations on the Frank **SMITH** farm seem very, very bad. While there is a big meadow across the road from this location, a deep ravine behind it and a creek nearby would be natural hazards in the event of an Indian attack. And the fact that there is no recorded attack on **POWERS** Fort by Indians, although the forts at Jane Lew and Buckhannon were attacked repeatedly and burned, seems to indicate that it was located in an excellent defensive position." The Meadowbrook Road- Johnson Avenue site originally extended several hundred feet over the hill to Simpson Creek before it was rerouted.

**DUNKIN's** Meadow was located from about the current location of the northbound entrance to I-79 on Meadowbrook Road to Sheetz Service Center, then follows Johnson Avenue to and including property on Ashford Drive, near Hall Street. The **STOUT** heirs sold their land to the **DUNKINS** by deed dated October 9, 1847, Deed Book No. 35, page 293.

The original Lodge property began at the **DUNKIN** meadow and embraced the land taken by the State for I-79 and the land that is Meadowbrook Mall and continued nearly to **SMITH** Chapel, according to Tessie **CARTER** in February 2002. She is ninety years of age, and her mother was the grand daughter of Amanda **DUNKIN LODGE**, whose family settled here in 1846. Mrs. **DUNKIN** was the widow of Mr. **LATE** of Bridgeport.

It appears that Kingsley **SMITH** worked fairly vigorously from developing an interest in **POWERS** Fort in 1948-49. His records, however, stop abruptly in 1958, though he lived well into the 1990's. His last recorded data is dated 12/16/58 and was his interview with Harrison **STEELE**. From his interest in **POWERS** Fort and the nearly impossible task of truly locating it precisely, Mr. **SMITH** apparently moved on to other interests.

We remain with three general possibilities for the exact location. The preponderance of public opinion today and in the 1950's puts the location of the fort in the general area of

Medbrook Medical Center and **DUNKIN's** meadow, across the road. The second most popular location, especially among today's historians, is in the area of the red covered bridge over Simpson Creek leading to the Despard Road. The third possible location, if adhering strictly to early descriptions of the fort's location, is the Woodside Heights area.

Since **POWERS** Fort was needed, built and served its purpose, roads have been added to the topography; strip mining has taken place; mountains have been topped off for industry, including Meadowbrook Mall; also, according to an engineer who worked on the interstate project, there was archeological dig prior to blasting to build the road. Simpson Creek was also rerouted in this process. This, along with the widespread building of housing developments in the areas defined as possible sights of the fort, may well have dealt the final blow to ever locating the old fort with hard evidence. It is certain that finding remnants of the fort would have been much easier fifty years ago.

#### Addendum

We shall forever be indebted to Kingsley **SMITH** and his well documented endeavors to find the old fort. This author's notes of conversations with area residents will be added to the original file and placed with the records of the Historical Section of the Clarksburg Library and with the Harrison County Historical Society.

We are also thank Paul **PETIT** of HCPD for his assistance in helping this author in putting plats of land together in map form.

This writer also owes a debt of gratitude to Robert **RIGGS**, lifelong resident of Bridgeport and owner of **RIGGS'** Service Center on Lodgeville Road, for sharing his knowledge of pre-1960 Bridgeport and for providing me with names and phone numbers of long-time residents of the area who could shed additional light on this topic.

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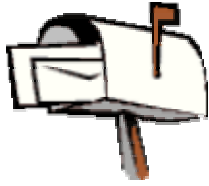
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## ***Tom Keenan, New Board Member***

At a re-scheduled monthly meeting of the HCPD Board of Directors on July 19, 2002, Tom Keenan of French Creek, WV, was named to complete the unexpired term of Hartzel Strader. Tom's address, telephone number, and e-mail are found with the listing of the board near the front of this **Journal**.

President Cary Williams said about him, "Tom's knowledge of computers and how they work brings a dimension to the board that has been missing for several years. The board is glad that he was willing to accept this responsibility and look forward to working with him."



# ***From the Mail Box***

"Hi Ruth, Joy, and editorial staff:

This email is in regards to Jane **BENNETT's** Diary as reprinted on p. 171 in the most recent HCPD publication (**H CJ**, Vol. XVII, Issue 4 (1999-2000)).

I have a theory about who this Jane **BENNETT** was. Of course you know that a theory can not be proven, only disproven. So I am not claiming proof, but some reasonable conjectures.

First of all, there are many references to people who are related in some fashion to Judge William G. **BENNETT**, son of Joseph **BENNETT** who fought in the revolutionary war. Note the names : Joseph **BENNETT**, William **BENNETT**, Jonathan **BENNETT**, Robert **McCRAY**, James **SPRIG**, John **ANDERSON**.

Jos., William, and Jonathan, Abigail were all children of William G. **BENNETT**. Robert **McCRAY**, James **SPRIG**, and John **ANDERSON** all married some of William G. **BENNETT's** daughters. James B married Elizabeth **BENNETT**, Robert **McCRAY** married Margaret **BENNETT**, and John **ANDERSON** married Hannah **BENNETT**.

The diary mentions a William who's sister was Abigail **HOLT**. (This is probably William **BENNETT**, son of William G. **BENNETT**, whose sister Abigail **COLLINS BENNETT** married a Mathew **HOLT** according to Don **NORMAN**.)

Also note the mention of the **WATSONs**. **WATSON** was the maiden name of William G. **BENNETT's** mother-in-law who married James **McCALLY**.

There were (at least ) four Janes who were closely related to William G. **BENNETT**. One was Jane, the dau. of Elijah **BENNETT** and Barbara **BIBLE**, who was about 22 at the time of the first entry in the diary. Elijah was the brother of William G. What seems unlikely about this Jane is that she doesn't mention any of her many sisters nor their husbands. Also, since I have no death date for this Jane and no husband, it may be that she died prior to when this diary was written.

Another Jane was Jane **STUART** who married David **BENNETT**. David was a son of William G. **BENNETT** and was b. November 24, 1799. If Jane **STUART BENNETT** was the writer of the diary, then she was likely pretty old at the last entry on January 14, 1890, esp. if she had been born about the same time as her husband. I have not looked in the federal censuses to resolve her birth date.

Another Jane **BENNETT** that I know about was the dau. of David **BENNETT** and Jane **STUART**. I have no information on her except her name.

The last Jane **BENNETT** was Jane **RICKETT** the wife of William **BENNETT**, son of William G. **BENNETT**. She was b. abt. 1822 so would also have been the right age to record the events. The author of the diary mentioned a Nathan who is thought to be the N.D. **BENNETT** son of Jane **RICKETT** and William **BENNETT**. This Nathan did have an Uncle Joseph **BENNETT** as recorded in the Diary under Jan. 6, 1861. Joseph was the brother of his father William and son of William G. **BENNETT**. There is also a mention of a Matthew on Jan. 6, 1862. Since there is no last name, one can surmise that this person was a close relation or in the household of Jane and William. Their oldest son according to my database was Matthew **BENNETT**, b. abt. 1845.

Conclusion: There are so many names associated with the family of William G. **BENNETT** that the Jane who wrote the diary must have been closely related to William G. herself. I have many references to back up the claims that I've made in the preceeding paragraphs, which can be provided upon request. Based on the information that I have, I would say that Jane **RICKETT** w/o Willam **BENNETT**, Jr. is the most likely suspect. As an additional note: William G. **BENNETT** died in Walkersville on March 31, 1857. Likewise his son William died there on May 12, **1882**. Clearly, the person who wrote the diary starting in 1860 lived in the general vicinity of Walkersville, Lewis County, WV.

I hope this hasty analysis sheds some light on the person who wrote Jane **BENNETT's** diary and also on the legitimacy of the diary.

Bruce I. **BENNETT**  
Scottsdale, AZ  
12/8/2000"

The verbiage below was added on April 2, 2001 upon getting my copy of the **Hacker's Creek Journal** , Issue 1, 2001: Vol. XIX in the mail.

The piece below confirms my analysis above. It is a piece done by Buzz **BRAKE**, associate editor of the **Hacker's Creek Journal**, Issue 1, 2001: Vol. XIX, p. 25:

#### More on Jane **BENNETT's** Diary

In response to the article Jane **BENNETT's** Diary in HCJ Vol. XVIII, Issue 4-2000, we heard from the following HCPD members: June **PRITT** of Ireland, WV wrote, "[In reply to] your question about Jane **BENNETT** in [the] Journal, Jane was the wife of William **BENNETT** and lived on old **BENNETT** homestead at Walkersville. Her maiden name was **RICKET** and she was from Morgan County, Ohio. Clark **SPRIGGS** had the original diary and gave it to some one in Elkins [WV]. We do not know this person." And from the members Den and Ellen **STILLWELL** of

Cheverly, MD, "In [the] most recent Journal you could not cite a source for Jane **BENNETT's** Diary. We have an old copy of the West Virginia Hillbilly, dated 21 May 1983 which published a somewhat longer version and referenced Hunter **ARMENTROUT** of Buckhannon (now of Glenville) as the source." Thank you June, Den, and Ellen for providing the information, and thanks to Clark and Hunter for sharing Jane's diary. – ed.

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## Guidelines For Genealogical Self-Improvement and Growth

Recommended by the National Genealogical Society

<http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/comstandself.htm>

Faced with ever-growing expectations for genealogical accuracy and reliability, family historians concerned with improving their abilities will, on a regular basis

- study comprehensive texts and narrower-focus articles and recordings covering genealogical methods in general and the historical background and sources available for
- areas of particular research interest, or to which their research findings have led them.
- interact with other genealogists and historians in person or electronically, mentoring or learning as appropriate to their relative experience levels, and through the shared experience contributing to the genealogical growth of all concerned.
- subscribe to and read regularly at least two genealogical journals that list a number of contributing or consulting editors, or editorial board or committee members, and that require their authors to respond to a critical review of each article before it is published.
- participate in workshops, discussion groups, institutes, conferences and other structured learning opportunities whenever possible.
- recognize their limitations, undertaking research in new areas or using new technology only after they master any additional knowledge and skill needed and understand how to apply it to the new subject matter or technology.
- -analyze critically at least quarterly the reported research findings of another family historian, for whatever lessons may be gleaned through the process.
- join and participate actively in genealogical societies covering countries, localities and topics where they have research interests, as well as the localities where they reside, increasing the resources available both to themselves and to future researchers.
- review recently published basic texts to renew their understanding of genealogical fundamentals as currently expressed and applied.
- examine and revise their own earlier research in the light of what they have learned through self-improvement activities, as a means for applying their new-found knowledge and for improving the quality of their work-product.



## ***Hints for Researching at HCPD Library***

***by Joy Gilchrist-STALNAKER***

"I spent days running all over the place, and you had it all here," visitors to the HCPD facility say.

HCPD has a multitude of resources in books, on microfilm, in manuscripts and archives, on the computers, and sometimes online. While we don't claim to have everything, we do have some things on every county in the state. Sometimes, you just have to dig for them. For instance, someone once asked if we had some things on Calhoun and Monongalia. The answer: yes, we do; but maybe not as much as at West Virginia State Archives in Charleston or the West Virginia & Regional History Collection at WVU in Morgantown.. However, it depends on what you are looking for.

It is definitely less expensive to research at HCPD because (1) local motels and restaurants are less expensive; (2) no parking fees (it's 25 cents for 15 minutes at WV Archives); (3) copies are less expensive (10 cents for members for photocopies and 20 cents for microfilm copies for members).

A couple of "to do" things before you arrive at HCPD:

Plan your trip to include either Monday or Thursday all day. On those days we are open 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Although we close at 3 on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, I am usually there until fiveish and will let you stay and work. All ya' gotta' do is let me know that is what you wanta' do.

Visit <http://www.hackerscreek.com/libsrchterms.htm> and check out our online card catalog. Create a list of books that you want to look at so you are ready to begin research immediately. When you are using the card catalog, search for your surnames as well as the counties in which you are interested and the type of record.

Some hints that will help you after you arrive:

1) You will be required to "sign in" and leave brief cases, large files, notebooks, etc., either in one of our secure lockers, in the reception area, or locked in your car. We have had some visitors who think they need to give our collection a "vacation" and "borrow" books or take them out on "permanent loan" without permission. We are NOT a lending library and taking books/manuscripts, etc. home is not permitted.

2) There is a list of library rules on the sign-in desk. Take a copy and acquaint yourself with the rules and some of the additional things we have.

3) Depending on the day of your arrival and what volunteer is on duty, you may or may not be given a "walk-through" tour of what we have. In case you don't get this, take a few minutes to walk through the stacks area and acquaint yourself with the way our books are arranged. You will note that we don't use a Dewey Decimal system, rather we use an "Irma" system --- Irma is our librarian. She has designated certain letters to mean certain



kinds of books, i.e., CS=Census, MA=Marriage records, CD=CD-Rom, BI=Birth records, DE=Death records, FA=Family records.

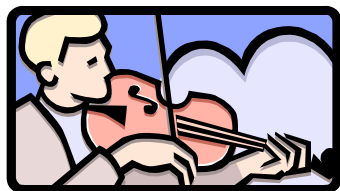
4) If you haven't checked the on-line card catalog, then either use the computerized catalog in the library or use our hard copy card file to find books that you seek. Even those of us who are there every day use the card catalog rather than the "browse" method of finding a book.

5) When you find a book you want to use, sign it out using the Call letters and your name on the "sign out" sheet that is on a clipboard on the desk as you enter the stacks area. Take the book to the reading table in the main hall or to the reading room at the rear of the building to do your research.

6) When you are through with a book, DO NOT reshelf it; rather, leave it on the book cart in the reading room and a volunteer will reshelf for us.

7) Soft drinks and snacks are available for purchase and may be eaten in a specific area of the building. Smoking inside is not permitted. We do have chairs outside on the porch for those who wish to take a break outdoors on nice days. Oh yes, we are only 2.5 miles from restaurants. . . and we have a microwave and fridge available if you want to bring a sack lunch w/you. Our late president and my first husband, Chuck **GILCHRIST**, always said, "We can eat after the library closes. . . but snacks sure do make it easier.)"

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## BITS & PIECES

Did you ever wonder if you could attend an HCPD Board meeting? Of course you are welcome! We usually meet the first week of every month and alternate between Friday evening and Saturday morning to accommodate the schedules of our board members. Either call or e-mail the office [hcpd@hackerscreek.com](mailto:hcpd@hackerscreek.com) for specific time and date.

Beginning in July, the Lewis County Gospel Sing will be held in the "Community Room" at the Library. Dates for the remainder of 2002 are: August 17, September 14, October 19, and November 16. There will be no "sing" in December. The event is sponsored by Lewis County businesses and radio station WAFD out of Webster Springs. The performance is broadcast "live" and admission is \$2. Jennings **GUM (WAGGONER** is one of his family names) of Weston is the producer. Seventy-five persons, many of whom didn't even know who or what HCPD was, attended the July sing. What a way to spread the WORD --- both of the Lord and about HCPD!



# John Hacker of the Virginia Militia

by Joy Gilchrist-Stalnaker

Today, with the advent of copy machines and the internet, half-truths and traditions are perpetuated and repeated until they become gospel – even more so than in the days when “But Grandma said” was the primary source for proof of various aspects of our ancestors’ lives. Then there are the genealogies compiled by “Aunt Sue” or “Uncle Jim”, the memberships in the patriotic societies – DAR, SAR, the War of 1812, Sons of the Union Veterans, Confederate Daughters of America, etc. - or an article in a 1920s or 30s era newspaper that is cited as proof of a man’s or woman’s life activities. Sometimes it is an old history book like *Chronicles of Border Warfare* or *Border Settlers of Northwest Virginia* that is touted. Other times it is a historic roadside marker.

All of this can be especially disturbing to the serious historian or genealogist who seeks the ultimate truth – proof-positive that Grandpa John was who we believe him to be and did what “everyone” says he did. And it is never more frustrating than when that dedicated researcher travels hundreds of miles and spends countless hours and many dollars to find the primary source documents to prove or disprove a statement, publishes his or her research, and then finds that same old false story quoted again and again in newer publications as gospel truth with no reference whatsoever to his or her newer discovery.

Here’s hoping that the story I am about to share is one that does not follow this disturbing and frustrating trail – particularly since it directly affects the lives of so many members of HCPD, the lives of all those who descend from John **HACKER** (1743-1824), first permanent white settler of today’s Lewis County, West Virginia, and who claim that he was a Revolutionary soldier because of service with George Rogers **CLARK** in 1778. This service is memorialized on a historic marker along the Hacker’s Creek Road between Jane Lew and Berlin, West Virginia, and perpetuated in numerous approved applications for membership in the D.A.R., S.A.R., and S.O.R. I, like many of you, fell for the story, submitted my application to D.A.R. as John **HACKER**’s g.g.g.g. granddaughter and was approved. What is worse, I was guilty of perpetrating a falsehood even though I had documents pointing in another direction and whose portent had not penetrated my brain.

Now, after considerable thought and investigation and as the recipient of some careful research by David **ARMSTRONG** of Elkins, West Virginia, who is related to the **HACKERS** through a collateral line, I propose and believe that while the Lewis County pioneer John **HACKER** (hereinafter referred to as Pioneer **HACKER**) did serve in the Revolution, his service was not with **CLARK** on his trek to Vincennes but rather was with Captain James

**BOOTH** in 1777 in "a company of Militia in defence (sic) of the western frontier of West Augusta."<sup>1</sup>

I suspect that the errant story had its beginning back in 1895 when Lyman **DRAPER** annotated Alexander Scott **WITHER's** Border Warfare and adds a footnote to John **HACKER** that "this. . . meritorious pioneer. . . served on Col. George Rogers **CLARK's** Illinois Campaign of 1778. . . " (page 121 of our copy in the library). **CLARK's** muster and payrolls have been preserved and were published by the Kentucky Historical Society in the 1980s. Those records are for the service of another man named John **HACKER** who served as a matross<sup>2</sup> with **CLARK** and appeared on the muster and payroll of Captain Robert **GEORGE's** Company Artillery (sic) in the Service of the Commonwealth of Virginia and Illinois Department from the first day of September 1782 to the thirty-first day of January 1783.<sup>3</sup> This John **HACKER** enlisted 4 March 1780.<sup>4</sup> Others serving with him were Robert **GEORGE**, Buckner **PITTMAN**, John **MOORE**, William **PRITCHET**, Josiah **SMYTH**, John **McGARR**, John **OAKLEY**, Abraham **MILLER**, Matthew **JOHNES**, Peter **PRIEST**, Christr. **COONTS**, William **PUSLEY**, Andrew **CANOCE**, Josiah **PRUET**, Isham **FLOYD**, Nicholas **KING**, George **VENSHENER**, John **HAZZARD**, James **RAMSEY**, John **SMOTHERS**, and Joseph **CUBBAGE**.<sup>5</sup>

I have studied the settlers of northwestern Virginia for nearly thirty years and do not recognize even one of these names as being from the area where Pioneer **HACKER** lived. While this statement cannot be considered as proof, it is a clue since individuals of those times, and particularly family men such as Pioneer **HACKER**, tended to serve with others they knew and trusted.

Efforts to identify **CLARK's** Matross John **HACKER** led to two other men of the name. The first, according to e-mails to me from Alexis **HACKER SCHOLZ** in March 2002, was from Sumner County, Tennessee, and appeared on the tax list there in 1789. According to <http://www.rootsweb.com/~tnsumner/cisco2.htm>, this man was killed by Indians on Drake's Creek, Sumner County, in 1793. The second, referred to by some descendants as John Matross **HACKER**, because of his military service, but called by **HACKER-SCHOLZ** "John from Kentucky," was married to Massie **SPREAD** and was a son of Julius **HACKER**, a 1770s German immigrant, and his wife Martha **BEALLS** (**BEELER/BEUHLER**). He applied for a pension for Revolutionary service on 13 May 1850 from Perry County, Kentucky, at age

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<sup>1</sup> *Journal of House Documents, December 1819, pages 20-91, Virginia State Library, Richmond, VA, as files in FA-31, Hacker, Central West Virginia Genealogy and History Library, Horner, WV.*

<sup>2</sup> *A matross was a gunner.*

<sup>3</sup> *Harding, Margery Heberling, George Rogers Clark and His Men Military Records 1778-1784, Kentucky Historical Society, Frankfort, pp. 156-157.*

<sup>4</sup> *Bergin, Wm. E., Major General, USA, The Adjutant General, Department of the Army, Washington, D.C., Letter to Mrs. Hiram N. Lynch, 13 April 1953.*

<sup>5</sup> *Harding, op.cit.*

82, saying that he lived in Sullivan County, Tennessee, at enlistment. His pension was denied because his service was in the Northwest Indian War.<sup>6</sup>

Further basis for the Pioneer **HACKER-CLARK** story probably lies in a file compiled by the Works Progress Administration in the 1930s and preserved in the West Virginia Archives Revolutionary War records. This typescript, written by an unknown author, says that Pioneer **HACKER** was "probably with George Rogers **CLARK**."

By some means, the **HACKER-CLARK** story became "fact" and was cast in steel as a West Virginia Historical Marker sometime after 1969 but before 1982.<sup>7</sup> Because records for the creation of this marker have not been located, I have been unable to determine how the story became "fact." Even more interesting to me, since Pioneer **HACKER**'s wife, Margaret (**SLEETH**), is buried beside him in a marked grave not more than six-hundred feet north of the historic marker, is the reference to her on the marker as "Mary."

In 1956, J. W. SMITH, a great-grandson of Pioneer **HACKER**, visited the Virginia State Library, and recorded the following documents from H. J. **ECKENRODE** [Archives. List of Revolutionary Soldiers, and Vol. 2, "Lewis Pets. Dec. 13, 1819" (B1381)].

"To the Honorable The General Assembly of Virginia."

"The petition of John **HACKER** humbly sheweth that in the year 1777 he served ninety one days under the command of Captain James **BOOTH** who commanded a Company of Militis in defence (sic) of that part of the (then western frontier of West August which now comprises the Counties of Harrison and Lewis, during which time he, your petitioner (sic), furnished his own rations as will appear by a discharge accompanying this petition.

"Your petitioner has never received any pay either for the services or rations aforesaid and begs leave, therefore, to remind your honorable body that his claims originated at a time when individual happiness was abandoned as well by himself as thousand of his brave Countrymen who sought the liberty and independence of this our beloved country in the field. And although your petitioner was not employed immediately against the British Arms he was defending the western frontier against their merciless allies, the Savages, whose known rule of warfare is such as to render the service more fatiguing and dangerous than to meet a civilized foe in the field of battle.

"Your petitioner (sic) is now old and infirm, standing, as it were, on the brink of the grave, and hopes that, while tottering downward to the time when all earthly comforts and enjoyments shall be to him of no avail, the hand of justice may be opened so as to smoth (sic) the latter end of his

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<sup>6</sup> *White, Virgil D., Genealogical Abstracts of Revolutionary War Pension Files, Volume II: F-M, National Historical Publishing Company, Waynesboro, TN, 1991, p. 1464.*

<sup>7</sup> *Conversation with and research of Fredrick H. Armstrong, Director, West Virginia Archives.*

journey through life and make it a contrast to the first. Then may she smile and say 'Though I have heretofore sided in placing in your road, I will now strew it with roses.'

"Your petitioner therefore humbly prays that a law be passed affording him ample relief, and he as in duty bound will ever pray &c.

"John HACKER"<sup>8</sup>

***John's signature***

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"This 25<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1819, personally appeared before me, a justice of the peace in and for Lewis County, John HACKER, and made oath that he never received pay for any part of the service referred to in the petition of said Hacker.

"Given under my hand

"John McWHORTER, j.p."

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John Mitchel document

The above document was found by David **ARMSTRONG** in Richmond in 2001 and is the original of the document transcribed by Smith.

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<sup>8</sup> This is a photocopy of the "original" signature as found on the original copy in Box 138 Folder 12 by David Armstrong at the Virginia Library in 2002. A photocopy of the original copy of the document is in possession of the author and will be placed in the Central West Virginia Genealogy and History Library.

"Lewis County to wit"

"Personally appeared (sic) before me, a justice of the peace in and for said County, James **KEITH**, and made oath that he knew James **BOOTH** to be a Militia Captain Commanding a Company in West Augusta in 1776 or 77. Sworn to before me this 29<sup>th</sup> day of November 1819.

"John **MITCHEL**, J.P., L.C."

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Copy of Booth's original statement

"This is to certify that John **HACKER** served under my command ninety one days and furnished his own provisions. This is therefore to discharge him from said service, as witness my hand this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1777.

"James **BOOTH**"

Endorsed on the above document:

"There are nobooks or papers in this office to show that the petitioner was in service, nor is anything to show that he ever received pay. Can only say that I have never paid this claim."

"John **BARFOOT**

"Aud. Off. 13 Dec. 1820"

And the following:

CHARLES MARTIN DOCUMENT

One other note concludes **SMITH's** research. It is from **ECKENRODE** and indexed as "H.D. Dec. 1819, 20-91."

"Resolved, also, as the committee is of this opinion, that the petition of John **HACKER**, stating, that in the year of 1777, he served ninety one days as a private, under the Command of Captain James **BOOTH** who commanded a Company of Militia in defence (*sic*) of the western frontier of West Augusta, and furnished his own rations, for which he has never received compensation and praying same, is reasonable."

These documents as found by **SMITH** and verified by **ARMSTRONG** are primary proof that John **HACKER**, the pioneer, served with Captain James **BOOTH**. However, by themselves, they do not prove that he WAS NOT with **CLARK** also. That conclusion must be drawn from other documents, documents that place him in Monongalia County<sup>9</sup> between 1 September 1782 and 31 January 1783, the dates for which **CLARK's HACKER** is found on the **CLARK** payroll in a location other than Monongalia County. It comes in the form of a signed petition dated 12 November 1782 and bearing not only Pioneer **HACKER's** signature but those of other area residents which was found by **ARMSTRONG** in the Virginia State Library in 2001 and which appears immediately after this article. In support of this proof, it should be noted that there was only one John **HACKER** of an age to sign a petition living in the area in 1782. John Jr., the son of the pioneer, was only nine, having been born in 1773. Additionally, while Pioneer **HACKER** might have traveled back from wherever **CLARK's** troops were at the time, it is a very slim possibility, particularly since it was winter and a visit home would not have been in order at that time.

When I first became aware of the circumstances surrounding Pioneer **HACKER's** service, I began to stew. What should I do? Should I contact D.A.R.? How would it affect the application of others? So, I went straight to the proverbial horse's mouth. I wrote a e-mail to Christina **RUMBACH**, who was HCPD's executive director in the mid 1990s and who is currently a genealogist with the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution in Washington, D.C. She said that the next person who applied using Pioneer **HACKER's** service should explain the facts and submit the documentation as we now know it to be, that I and others like me would not be removed from membership. In essence, she said, "Don't worry; be happy!" And that's what I am doing – especially now that I have shared the story with all of you.

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<sup>9</sup> **Monongalia County was formed from West Augusta County in 1776. Harrison County was formed from Monongalia County in 1784 and Lewis was formed from Harrison in 1817.**

**MONONGALIA COUNTY PETITION – 12 NOV 1782*****Virginia State Library***

submitted by David Armstrong

To the Honorable the Speaker and Other they Members of the House of Delegates now convened at Richmond the petition of sundris the inhabitants of Monongalia County humbly showeth

That your petitioners having seen a law laying a special tax on this County begs leave to assure you that our condition is such that specie cannot be raised in the county as there is (comparatively speaking) none amongst us notwithstanding we would be far from wishing to be exempted from bearing part of the state debt in proportion to our ability and as it appears by instructions given by his excellency the Governor to the Lieutenant of this county to call upon sundris of th commissn for specific tax on the East of the Mountain for supplies for the militia in actual service for the defense of the frontier the transportation of which \_\_\_\_\_ the state with considerable expense which greevance we humbly conceive might be removed by allowing us to pay our tax on such specific articles as may be necessary for this or similar purposes which would at the same time render us useful members of the state which under our present circumstances cannot possibly be not having specie nor no way of raising it to pay our present assessment we therefor humbly submit the matter to the wisdom of your honorable house praying that if you shod think it consistent with the general interest of the state you may have the needful done for our relief

W. Pettyjohn  
Charles Martin  
F. Warnan  
John Evans  
Joseph Neil  
Wm Mcleary  
David Scott  
John P. Duvall  
Thos Hughes  
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Geo Jackson  
John ?Vichansy?  
Jos Ross  
Edmund Freemund

Wm John  
James Johnston  
Samuel Ruble

Willm Haymond  
John ?Ramry? Sr  
John ?Ramry? Jr  
James Cockran  
John Ferry  
John Low



John Hardin  
Edmund West  
Benjamin Shinn  
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John Goodwin  
Jonathan Bozarth  
Jeremiah Simpson  
Thos Pindle  
Daniel Fink  
Lemuel John  
Zack Morgan  
John Hacker  
Jacob Youngman  
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Robert Bennett  
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## Timeline of Early Events Shaping Lewis County, West Virginia *1763-1840*

*compiled by Joy Stalnaker*

- 1763 – John & Samuel **PRINGLE** live in tree at Turkey Run, Upshur Co, for 3 years
- 1769 – John **HACKER** settles on Hacker's Creek & first white child, William **HACKER**, born
- 1773/1774 – First fort at today's Jane Lew built
- ca 1775 – John **HACKER** establishes one of first grist mills in area on Hacker's Creek
- 1776-1783 – America Revolution
- 1776 – Monongalia County formed
- 1777 – Year of the Bloody Sevens – massacres along the western frontier. John **HACKER** and others served with Capt. James **BOOTH** defending the frontier.
- 1778 – Indian attacks. Elizabeth **HACKER FREEMAN**, Thomas **HUGHES**, Issac **WASHBURN**, and numerous others were killed during this year in separate attacks.
- 1779-1780 – Fort abandoned with settlers going to Nutter's Fort & Bushes Fort. Fort burned in one of these years.
- 1790 – Beech Fort, later called West's Fort, built where is now Jane Lew Fire Department
- 1790 - George Adam **BUSH** first settler at present day Freemansburg
- 1780-1790 – John **SLEETH** Trading Post
- 1784 – Harrison County formed. First county court held at Pringle Tree community.
- 1784 – Methodism came to America from England.
- 1787 – Shawnee-**SCHOOLCRAFT** raid on Hacker's Creek Settlement
- 1788 - New York City is chosen as temporary seat of US Government  
US Constitution ratified.
- 1789 - George **WASHINGTON** is first president; John **ADAMS** is first vice president.  
Thanksgiving established.
- 1790 – Circuit riders from Methodist Church began visiting county.
- 1790 - First Census of United States
- 1791 - Bill of Rights added to Constitution
- 1792 – **WAGGONER** Family tragedy; Henry **McWHORTER** built mill at today's Jane Lew
- 1793 - Eli **WHITNEY** patented cotton gin.
- 1794 – **COZAD** children captured by Indians – last raid in the county.
- 1795 – Greenville Treaty brought peace with Indians in the West
- 1795 – Families began to leave Lewis County and head west
- 1797 - John **HARDMAN** was first settler on Little Skin Creek (mouth of Curtis Run) and operated mill that served the area.  
Richard **JOHNSON** followed shortly and was first settler on Big Skin Creek.
- 1800 - George **COLLINS** & Daniel **TURVEY** were first settlers in Collins Settlement on lands patented to Col. George **JACKSON**.

- 1800 - School being taught by Henry **McWHORTER** and others at old West's Fort.
- 1801 - Edward **JACKSON's** grist Mill built on West Fork - sawmill added soon after
- 1803 - Louisiana Purchase
- 1804-1806 - Lewis and Clark Expedition to Pacific Ocean
- 1804 - Broad Run Baptist Church established
- 1808 - Widespread economic decline throughout U.S.
- 1808 - Thomas **McCARTNEY** built home near mouth of Bennett Run for William & Rebecca **McCALLY BENNETT**
- 1809? - Jackson's Mill Post Office
- 1810 - George **BUSH**, then Henry **CURTIS**, operated mill near Gaston
- 1810 - Clarksburg had 31 families living there
- 1812 - *Star Spangled Banner* written; War of 1812
- 1813 - Andrew "Old Ireland" **WILSON** believed to have settled near Ireland
- 1816 - Dec 18 - measure forming Lewis County passed
- 1817 - Preston and then Flishersville established
- 1818 - Dams on Little Kanawha and the West Fork proposed.
- 1818 - Henry **HARDMAN** teaching in "Old Field" School near Vandalia.
- 1819 - Flishersville became Weston
- 1819 - Earliest major economic depression in the U.S.
- 1819 - Harmony Methodist Church built.
- 1819 - Alabama is 22<sup>nd</sup> state admitted to Union
- 1820 - First bridge in county at Maxwell's Run
- 1820 - Road to saltworks in today's Braxton County surveyed
- 1821 - Post office established in Collins Settlement, the third p.o. in the county.
- 1822 - Bailey House opened in Weston
- 1823 - Staunton & Parkersburg Turnpike proposed. First funds the next year.
- 1824 - Thomas Jonathan **JACKSON** born in nearby Clarksburg
- 1825 - Bush's grist and saw mill established; eventually became town of Roanoke
- 1827 - Methodist Church split.
- 1828 - Survey for S&P Turnpike completed.
- 1828 - Post office established at Freemansburg. Alexander K. **SLEETH** first postmaster.
- 1830 - Peter **SWISHER** killed by falling tree. Berlin Methodist church established
- 1831-1838 - Hackersville post office operated at today's Jane Lew.
- 1832 - Minter **BAILEY** granted license to keep an ordinary at Bailey House
- 1833 - 33 common schools in county supported by Virginia Literary Fund
- 1834 - Mt. Gilead/Georgetown Methodist Church established on land donated by John **HELMICK**
- 1835 - William **BENNETT** started mill at Walkersville
- 1836 - Dams on Little Kanawha and West Fork proposed again.
- 1836 - Construction begun on Weston & Gauley Bridge Turnpike; Weston and Charleston Turnpike laid out.
- 1836 - New school built on Skin Creek. Teachers included **PETERSON, HARDMAN** and **WILSON**.

1837 - Second major economic depression in America

1837 - Samuel F.B. **MORSE** invents telegraph

1839 - Hackersville Post Office renamed Jane Lew Post Office by Lewis B. **MAXWELL** in honor of his mother, Jane **LEWIS**.

1840 - Only two settlements made in Courthouse District before this date.

1841 - Portions of Staunton & Parkersburg Turnpike opened.

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### McCAULEY History Written by Dad's Mother, Sarah **BLAGG**

Our grandfather McCAULEY's name was Robert. He was taylor (sic) by trade and died with Dropsy. He was a widower and had two sons named Andrew and John when he married (sic) our grandmother and they raised two children Aunt Peggy Osborn and our father Harvy (sic) Ingram McCAULLEY. She was married three times - SANDY and HOLDEN and our grandfather McCAULEY. Her name was Margaret. She made her home with father.

James **BLAG** (sic) was the name of our other grandfather and Mary SMALLBRIDGE **BLAG** (sic) the name of our other grandmother. They had a family of eight children four boys and four girls John, Samuel, William and Henry were the names of the boys. Nancy, Betsy, Sarah and Margaret, the names of the girls.

Grandmother **BLAG** was blind 2 years before she died. They were all se---tly religious and belong to the M.E. Church.

Editor's Note: a note on the side of this page says, "Came to Braxton from Hyland Co. Va."

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### **Rexroad article continued from page 46**

a better match with R as the first letter. The second letter could well be an e. The third letter could be anything. This would give the name Re -roth.

Although we cannot be absolutely certain that Johannes 3came to America on the Albany in September 1749, this seems the most likely possibility. We see his name on records in Pennsylvania after that date, but not before. His name has not been found on passenger lists of any other ship. So this may be as close as we can come to a conclusion about his arrival in America.

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**THE DRAFT IN MARION COUNTY**  
***Transcribed from the WHEELING INTELLIGENCIER***  
**March 24, 1865**

The draft for the 4th Sub-District of the Second Congressional District of West Virginia, being that portion of Marion county, west of the Monongahela and West Fork Rivers, took place yesterday at Grafton. Nine hundred and sixty tickets were put in the wheel, of which one hundred and sixty were drawn out--the quota of the sub-district with the one hundred percent added. The following persons were drawn in the order in which they stand:

Fielding R. Ice  
James Q. Hess  
Cornelius R. Beaty  
Wm. Billingsley  
Thomas J. Board  
Francis Fluharty  
James S. Billingsley  
Turner L. Davis  
Henderson T. Roby  
Alphru Prichard  
John McCray, Jr.  
Peter Camp  
Jacob N. Hiers  
Joseph B. Nay  
James K. Weakley  
Edward S. Fleming  
Thomas Judge  
Elijah B. Morris  
Asbury W. Wilcox  
Thomas E. Stephens  
Oliver Y. Snodgrass  
Nathan P. Ingram  
Resin J. Martin  
Kilas B. Koon  
James Booth  
Samuel A. Hibbs  
Thomas Davis  
Austin Snoderly  
Daniel Nightingale

Zacwell W. Powell  
Elijah Snyder  
Wm. Matha  
George W. Beaty  
James H. Floyd  
John Mason  
Archiba d. Loftus  
Hesekiah Phillips  
Wm. Musgrave  
Jasper N. Arnett  
Edward Jones (col'd)  
James Snodgrass  
John H. Smith  
Levi Morris  
Thornton F. Cartwright  
Festus Fleming  
Lewis Fleming  
Jacob Watson  
Asel Amos  
John C. Conaway  
Eli Martin  
Francis Satterfield  
Nimrod Hayes  
Andrew Mayhurst  
Marian Youst  
Julius A. Kendall  
Jacob Ice  
George Davis, Jr.  
Eber Cunningham

Oliver C. Prickett  
John N. Merrill  
Wm. Gaskill  
Asel Floyd  
Elijah J. Freeland  
George W. Martin  
Julius A. Hobbs  
Thornton E\_\_\_\_  
John \_ M\_\_\_\_  
Henry Arnett  
Ephriam \_\_\_\_\_  
Alphonso J. Simon  
Joseph \_ Alphonso (col'd)  
Wm. W. Cunningham  
John A. Baker  
Harrison Storm  
Francis N. E\_\_minger  
John L. Hawkins  
Jacob Mires  
James Hoult  
Daniel Robinson  
Wm. M. Bartlett  
Daniel H. Ayers  
Alpheus Rice  
Solomon Lucas  
Chas. Crimley  
Benj. Cunningham  
Elihu T. Martin  
Samuel Fletcher  
Isaac N. Holbert  
Enoch S. Evans  
Benj. E. Fletcher  
Felix Cunningham  
Nelson Myers  
Horatio Hays  
John W. Webb  
Dogenius Hillis  
James C. Beaty  
Wm. P. Clayton  
R. Fleming Parish  
James Hawkins  
Wm. Valentine  
Ashv\_lie G. Hall  
E. H. McDougal  
John Blackshire

Thornton F. Sturm  
Daniel B. Snyder  
Solomon Bock, Jr.  
Guptavus Cunningham  
Alpheus Clayton  
Washington V. Martin (?)  
Tarwall C. Ma\_\_ill  
\_\_\_\_(unreadable)  
\_\_\_\_ F. Fortney  
\_\_\_\_\_. Snodgrass  
Byron \_\_\_\_\_  
C----- Toothman  
Joseph S. Davis  
Daniel Varner  
Daniel Kendall  
Chas. W. Scott  
John Gaughis  
Ransom K. Hunter  
James T. Hendixon  
Rawley Merilfield  
Rawley E. Martin  
John Baker  
Job D. Sandy  
George Brown  
James Williams  
Wm. H. Crim  
Debois D. Miller  
Samuel Toothman  
James Brown  
A. Sturgis Price  
Eber Howlt  
Robert Hughes  
Luther S. Ice  
Richard Poling  
Allen M. Brook  
James Loman  
Jas. F. Sturm  
Daniel J. Hawkins  
Richard N. Campbell  
Wm. H. Morgan  
Morgan B\_ockshire  
Fielding Wright  
James W. Dunnington  
Mark W. Richardson  
John Veach

Henry M. Floyd  
Jesse Martin  
Enoch W. Ballab  
James Wilcox  
Henry Clelland

Richard B. Ratcliff  
Adam A. Rice  
James B. Keeforer  
Wm. Cross  
Harrison Gain

## ***THE DRAFT IN BARBOUR COUNTY***

Transcribed from the ***WHEELING INTELLIGENCIER***  
March 25, 1865

The draft for the deficiency of the quota of the 9th Sub-district, \_d Congressional District, West Virginia, being that portion of Barbour county seat of the Valley River, took place at Grafton yesterday. The following names were drawn in the order they stand:

Jacob Skidmore  
Elkna Philips  
Ephraim Jones  
Robert Johnson  
Albert Rohrbaugh  
John Streets  
Michael Judge  
Christopher O. Horvather  
Silas Pitzer  
Elam George  
Andrew Goodwin  
John Bolton  
John Stalnaker  
John Cade  
John W. Cox  
Caleb Yeager  
Thomas D. Wilson  
Jesse Carroll  
Emanuel Bowman  
Solomon Bowman  
Abraham Lohr  
George Wilt  
Marlos(?) Boyles  
Holtsberry Stalnaker  
Jacob P. Shafer  
Nathan Rohrbaugh  
Solomon Myers  
Wm. Anvil  
Marion Poling  
George H. Nestor  
Wm. J. Ramsey

Joseph Cassfna(?)  
Benj. Poling  
John A. Smith  
Wm. Stearman  
Marcus Moore  
Thomas McLaine  
Enos Moore  
Solomon Harris  
Geo. W. Collins (colored)  
John R. Nestor  
Naylor Foreman  
Henry Shaffer  
Marion Nestor  
Lewis A. Bower  
Andrew Trimble  
John A. Wagoner  
William Miller  
Ira Shockey  
David G. McCAULEY  
Perry Harris  
James Fry  
John, Murphy  
Zepheniah Pitzer  
Jacob Waugh  
Randolph Triplett  
David G. Carter  
Levi Poling  
John Huett  
Morgan Moore  
Edward J. Mason  
George W. Dougherty

Wm. Wilson  
Franklin Gainer  
James L. Sayres  
Jesse Colebank  
Martin Johnson  
Solomon Smith  
Wm Stalnaker  
Judson Skidmore  
James R. Phillips  
John Greathouse  
John N. Corley (of Thos.)  
Anderson Male (col'd)  
Wesley Miller  
Stephens Poling  
Stalnaker Gainer  
Solomon Wilson  
Jeremiah Denison  
Wm. H. Dougherty  
Jacob Nestor  
Mortimer Cade  
Lair D. Coonts  
Stephen Reed  
John Myers  
Benj. Wiseman  
Isaiah Poling  
Chas. Griffith  
Abraham Ware  
Michael F. Haller  
John England  
Nelson Booth  
Edwin Hill  
Solomon Moore  
John Derrett  
Granville Phillips  
Abram McDaniel  
Stephen Bolton  
John O. Bennett  
Nelson Dolton (col'd)  
Edward T. Dougherty  
Elijah Miller (col'd)  
John Male (col'd)  
Asa Squire  
Isaac Miller (col'd)  
Frank Male (col'd)  
Solomon Bowman

Nathan Bennett  
Asa Swick  
Crawford B. Wilmoth  
Jacob Hoveater  
Francis Doniga  
Augustus Croston (col'd)  
Wm. Showalter  
Harmon Freeman  
Jacob Delander  
Peter N. Proudfoot  
Joseph Cross  
James Phillips  
John Harris  
Nathan McDanill  
Thompson Shaw  
Ephraim McCAULEY  
Garrett Cade  
James Coonts  
Jonas Poling (of David)  
J. T. Yeager  
Harrison Poling  
George Hishman  
Hiram Smith  
Lair D. Sturm  
Stephen Armstrong  
Edwin Parsons  
Daniel Moore  
George Pitman  
Conrad Carpenter, Jr.  
John O. Shafer  
Howard King  
Anthony H. Moore  
Christopher Aserick  
Algerson T. Crim  
Nathan Male (colored)  
Joshua Newman  
Levi Moore  
Marion May  
F. Miller  
Thomas Monaghan  
E. J. McCulley  
Isaac Poling  
Wm. J. Cox  
John A. Jones  
Henry Shafer

James O. D. Thompson  
Wm. Cross  
Marshall Stalnaker  
Robt. D. Kerr  
Frederick Hash  
Francis Thornhill  
Wm. Day  
Job H. Glasscock  
Alexander Janes  
Luther C. Elliott  
Georgh A. Lough  
Alfred Yeager  
Daniel Sturm  
Sathnel Dolton (col'd)  
John L. Boyles  
Francis Poling  
Valentine Gainer  
John Keller  
Wm. T. Ice  
Wm. P. Everson  
Anthony Martin  
Asa Bennett  
Daniel Kelley  
Martin Hughes  
Wm. S. Dennison  
Levi Poling  
Albert Yeager  
Daniel Shafer  
Noah Coffman  
David T. Elliott  
Solomon George  
Samuel Shaw  
Andrew McCauley  
Jimison Hilt  
Albert G. Wilson  
Richard Warner  
Wm. Shafer  
Wm. McClaskey  
Godfrey Saffer  
Collett Moore

Jesse L. Sandridge  
Anthony Musto  
James V. Skidmore  
John R. Brown  
John Finley  
James R. Ware  
Gideon Rohrbough  
John Ryan  
Martin G. Poling  
Samuel Cozad  
Stingley Shafer  
Hamilton Poling  
Joel Lyman  
Granville Hoffman  
Jackson Ramsey  
Richard Booth  
Jacy\_b D. Shafer  
Allen Carpenter  
Joseph Hotsenpillar  
John Shafer, Jr.  
George Poling  
Hison Yeager  
Wm. W. Stalnaker  
Elisha Newcomb  
Oliver E. Wilson  
George Fitzwate  
Adam R. Melrose  
John M. Ramsey  
A. N. Lewis  
Resin Phillips  
James England  
George Stemple  
John P. Thompson  
Jacob Myers  
Abel Dolton (colored)  
Thomas Moran  
Marshall E. Hall  
Nathaniel Streets  
Elam Kelly  
Beal T. Shafer

# REXRODE TO AMERICA

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On a recent trip to West Virginia and Virginia for genealogical research I had the opportunity to visit with several **REXRODE/REXROAD** people and to read family history books that spoke to **REXRODE/REXROAD** ancestry. I was disappointed to learn that there is a widespread misbelief about when our pioneering ancestor, Johannes Zacharias **REXROTH**, came to America. He did not come on the ship *Harle* in 1736 at the age of eleven, as many suppose. Researchers agree that Johannes Zacharias **REXROTH**, born 1725 in Erbach, Odenwald, Germany, was indeed the first of the line to come to America. But there is nothing to show that he came on the *Harle* in 1736.

The notion that he did appears to have been taken from Walter **EYE's** book, *A History of the Descendants of Zachariah REXRODE of Pendleton County, Virginia (West Virginia)*. Eye writes on p. ix, "I am of the opinion that he [Zachriah Sr.] was the eleven-year-old lad who landed in Philadelphia on 1 September 1736, from the ship *Harle* . . ." It is not clear whether this is Mr. Eye's opinion or that of a correspondent of his, a Mr. Claude B. **REXRODE** of Marietta, Ohio. Nevertheless, this passage is quoted verbatim in many of the family history books I saw.

The ship *Harle* did arrive at Philadelphia on 1 September 1736, but Johannes Zacharias **REXROTH** does not appear on either the A or B passenger list. There is a Johannes Zachriah listed. That was probably the person whom someone concluded was our **REXRODE** ancestor. But it was not. That person's surname is **ZACHARIS**, not **REXROTH**. Furthermore, said Johannes Zachriah is shown to be twenty-six years of age. Our J.Z. **REXROTH** was only eleven years old in 1736. And finally, passengers younger than sixteen were not named on these lists, so there is no way to conclude that Johannes Zacharias **REXROTH**

So when did he come? Most likely he was on the ship *Albany* that came to Philadelphia in 1749. Johann Zacharias **REXROTH** is so listed in Ella **GIEG's** book *Auswanderungen aus dem Odenwaldkries, Band IV* (roughly, Emigrants from Odenwald, Vol. 4.) Also, Volume I of Strassburger & Hinke's *Pennsylvania German Pioneers* contains a list of those from the ship *Albany* who took the Oath to the Government (C list) on 2 September 1749. Included is the name Johann(es) Zacharias --- roth. His actual signature is shown, but the first three letters of the surname are difficult to decipher. Some see it as **ERDROTH**. However, a comparison with samples of early German handwriting shows (*continued on page 40*)

## ***New Webster County Cemetery Book available***

For three years Michael **HENLINE** has been traveling back country roads, searching through record books at the courthouse, and interviewing county residents in an effort to identify and record Webster County cemeteries. He has obtained the cooperation of numerous researchers and previously published authors to compile the most extensive and thorough study of Webster County cemeteries to date.

This material is presented in two different formats, a CD version for computers and the traditional book form. The book is 230 pages long and contains transcriptions of 129 cemeteries, plus 25 pages of maps showing the approximate locations of over 250 Webster County cemeteries. It is estimated that the book contains in excess of four thousand burials. The CDs contain the same information as the book plus an additional six thousand names from the John **REED** burial files, which lists burials from 1937-1995.

The CDs are searchable with any computer word processing program, which makes finding your ancestor and where they are buried a snap.

This book includes all the cemeteries and notes published by Ron **HARDWAY** in his two volumes, ***Historic Cemeteries of Webster County*** (which were published in the early 1980's and are out of print and nearly impossible to find). It also includes most of the cemeteries published by Stanley **ANDERSON** in ***Cemeteries of Northern Webster County*** taken from the 1978 edition of his book. In addition to the previously published work contributed by these two authors there are also cemeteries transcribed by about a half dozen other researchers.

This book is more than just recording the information on tombstones, not only did researchers visit cemeteries and record the tombstones but in many instances personal interviews and records searches were performed to determine the identities of people in unmarked graves. Some cemeteries have biographical notes attached to further identify the people and help put them in historical perspective.

The following people made significant contributions to this project.

Stanley **ANDERSON**

Ronald **HARDWAY** and Ruth **KNIGHT**

Sherri **ANDERSON**

Norma **HAMRICK**

Robert **LYNCH**

Susie **GALLEMORE**

Roger **STANLEY**

Nettie **GREGORY**

and many others

Cost of CD is \$20.00 plus \$1.20 sales tax for WV residents. Cost of book (includes printed maps) \$30.00 plus \$1.80 sales tax for WV residents. Printed maps for CD (CD contains the maps in digital format so you can print them yourself) \$4.00 plus \$0.24 tax for WV residents. EVERYTHING including CD, book, and printed maps \$40.00 plus \$2.40 for WV residents. Only checks or money orders are accepted. Shipping is free.

Send orders to: Pamela **HENLINE**, 49a Erbacon Road, Cowen, WV 26206

**Editor's Note:** The Henlines have donated the CD and the book to HCPD. Please mention that you saw the information about the book in the **HCJ** when you order this book. They've done a fine job!

# Serendipity

by William J. McKinney

I must confess at the outset that I am not a skilled genealogist. I enjoy most aspects of the research and the discovery, but I have neither the needed skills nor patience to take me much beyond amateur status. I am very curious about my family history, and I have learned a great deal in the past eight years of on again, off again activity. But I am not certain I wish to devote the time and effort needed to be highly successful at the essential tasks.

I do have nearly 2,000 names of family members in my Reunion software program, and I have located all of my direct line of ancestors back to Cornelius **McKINNEY** and Hannah **HOPKINS McKINNEY**, who lived near Londonderry, in what is now Northern Ireland around 1700.

While I enjoy most aspects of the necessary family history searching, I must admit I do not find it nearly as much fun as looking for lost golf balls. I have found that most often, genealogical research is tedious, disappointing and most often unproductive. It can involve hours spent in dusty court house files, electronic frustrations while surfing the Internet, physical challenges when visiting an old cemetery, or impatience when prowling through the tombs of busy newspapers and sedate libraries.

Yet occasionally, unbelievable events can and do occur, which make the study of genealogy intensively fascinating and exciting. Because of these rare events, excitement and search resolve can be significantly revitalized.

Such an event, totally unplanned, recently happened to me.

In late May, 2002, my wife and I were making our regularly scheduled semi-annual pilgrimage between Florida and Minnesota. We had planned to drive through West Virginia to visit relatives, but had nothing more specific in mind. As we traveled north on I- 79, my wife asked if I would like to stop in Sutton for a few minutes. This was uncharacteristic for her, as we had been traveling for three days and were approaching our family destination in Buckhannon.

Still, I readily agreed, as my parents, grandparents, brother, aunt and uncle are all buried in the Sutton Cemetery. Memorial Day was fast approaching, so it seemed timely. For the next hour, we experienced an emotional and fulfilling visit to the grave sites, surrounded by the very scenic West Virginia hills. Almost heaven!

Then, she surprised and pleased me again, suggesting we drive to the upper end of Sutton's Main Street to see if things had changed since our last visit several years ago. In 1896, my maternal grandfather, William Harvey **McCAULEY** M.D., had built the home he lived in until his death. He passed in 1942 at age 82. Following the passing of my aunt and mother in 1980, we had purchased the house from my uncle.



We first rented then sold the house in the mid eighties. We conducted an estate sale, removed and donated all unwanted items, then trucked especially valued heirlooms to Minnesota.

It was interesting to sit in the car and view the changes that had been made in the property, but I decided a walk around would be even more enjoyable. As I approached the house, I observed a man working on the porch, and although I did not know him, I elected to introduce myself and hopefully have a visit. I had no other plan in mind, but I had once accompanied Bob **MARPLE**, an excellent genealogist, when he purposely employed this strategy in search of historical facts and people.

The man on the porch was Jim **WALKER**, who I had never met. He had inherited the house from his mother, who had purchased it from me. He was extremely hospitable and we had an extended and cordial conversation.

As I was about to leave, he suddenly remembered he had something in the house he thought I might like to have. He excused himself, and in a few minutes returned with a heirloom family Bible, which had belonged to and been maintained by my aunt and uncle. I had never before seen it.

I experienced an emotional moment and a terrific surprise! The Bible was published by A. J. Holman & Company, Philadelphia in 1872. The first family entry noted was a birth in 1794.

More important to me were the loose items contained in the Bible, which were in excellent condition. Among them: a marriage certificate dated October 23, 1856; a hand written history of the **McCAULEY** family written by my great, great aunt, Celina **McCAULEY** (who passed in 1938); newspaper obituaries of my grandmother, (which I had been unable to locate elsewhere) and of my grandfather; and the prize -- a signed second grade report card for my mother, dated 1898! (How I would love to have the opportunity to turn the tables, and critique her results!)

As previously noted, the process of research is fascinating, and the moment of discovery exhilarating! Incidentally, have you kept count of the number of totally unplanned events which had to occur to lead to this surprising outcome?

The next day I shared the story with Joy at the HCPD library. With the help of the staff there, I copied the material and have submitted it for inclusion in their records.

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**From the William Hawkins and Carolyn Farnsworth Bible now owned by  
William J. McKinley as transcribed by Joy Stalnaker**

*Editor's Note: We do not include the obituaries and other loose papers found in the Bible.*

William Harvey **McCAULEY**, son of Harvey Ingram and Sarah **BLAGG McCAULEY**, Born Sept. 2, 1859. Died July 2, 1942 @ 83 yrs old

Mary Emma **NORRIS McCAULEY** (John Luther and Elizabeth **BOND NORRIS**), Born Sept. 2, 1868. Died June 21, 1929, 61 yrs

Alma **McCAULEY**, Born July 14, 1892. Died Sept. 23, 1980. 88 yrs.

Nellie **McCAULEY**, Born April 29, 1895. Died Sept. 8, 1984.

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James **BLAGG** Born January 7<sup>th</sup> 1794

Mary **BLAGG** Born Dec 4<sup>th</sup> 1794

James **BLAGG** Died \_\_\_\_\_

Mary **BLAGG** Died Dec 22 \_\_\_\_

Elizabeth J. I. **BLAGG** Born Dec 11<sup>th</sup> 1816

John W. **BLAGG** Born November 6<sup>th</sup> 1818

Samuel **BLAGG** Born November 11<sup>th</sup> 1820

Sarah **BLAGG** Born Dec 26<sup>th</sup> 1822

William **BLAGG** Born Sept 19<sup>th</sup> 1825

Nancy **BLAGG** Born November 4<sup>th</sup> 1827

Henry M. **BLAGG** Born January 24<sup>th</sup> 1830

Mary M. **BLAGG** Born May 17<sup>th</sup> 1833

Simeon A. **BLAGG** Born Nov 29<sup>th</sup> 1843

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William **HAWKINS** and Caroline E. **FARNSWORTH** was married in the County of Upshur, Va. Now West Virginia On the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October 1856 by the Rev.<sup>d</sup> Samuel **STEEL** of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Geo. L. **HAWKINS** and Birdie **BOGGESE** were married in Upshur Co. West Va. On the 7<sup>th</sup> day of Dec. 1881.

Jacob S. **HYER** and Mary C. **HAWKINS** were married Apr 8<sup>th</sup> 1886. In Buckhannon, Upshur Co., W. Va.

Wm. E. **HAYMOND** and Emma C. **HAWKINS** were married in Buckhannon, Upshur Co. W. Va. February 17<sup>th</sup> 1886.

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William **HAWKINS** son of Thomas and Martha **HAWKINS** was Born in Lewis County, Va. On the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1836.

Caroline E. **FARNSWORTH** Daughter of Thomas & Catharine **FARNSWORTH** was born in the County of Upshur Va. Now West Virginia On the 2<sup>d</sup> day of January 1833.

Thomas H. **HAWKINS** son of William & Caroline E. **HAWKINS** was Born in Upshur County Va. Now West Virginia on the 22<sup>d</sup> day of September 1857.

George Les **HAWKINS**, Son of William & Caroline E. **HAWKINS** was Born at Buckhannon, Upshur County, West Va. On the 2<sup>d</sup> day of Nov. 1859.

Charles Clinton **HAWKINS** son of William & Caroline E. **HAWKINS** was Born at Buckhannon Town, Upshur County, West Virginia on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of January 1862.

Mary Columbia & Emma C. **HAWKINS**, Twin daughters of William & Caroline E. **HAWKINS** was Born at Buckhannon Town, Upshur County, West Virginia, on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of Feby A.D. 1864.

S. Loyd Willie **HAWKINS** son of William & Caroline E. **HAWKINS** was Born at Buckhannon Town, Upshur County, West Virginia, on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of May 1866.

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Roy Boggess **HAWKINS** Son of Geo. L. & Birdie **HAWKINS** WAS BORN IN Braxton Co. West Va. On the 11 day of Nov. 1883

George Merton **HAWKINS** son of Geo. L. & Birdie **HAWKINS** was born in Upshur Co. West Va. On the 18<sup>th</sup> day of Feb. 1886.

Cecil B. **HAWKINS**, Son of Charles & Martha J. **HAWKINS**, Born in Braxton Co. West Va. May 11, 1886.

Raymond E. **HAWKINS** son of Chas. & Martha **HAWKINS** was born in Braxton Co. W Va. June 27, 1888.

Elsie D. **HAWKINS** Daughter of Chas. & Martha **HAWKINS** was born in Brxton Co. West Va. Oct. 18, 1900.

Clarence Lee **HAWKINS** son of Chas & Martha **HAWKINS** was born in Braxton Co. W. Va. Sept 6, 1896.

Birdie, wife of Geo. L. **HAWKINS** died in Upshur Co. W. Va. On the 11<sup>th</sup> day of April 1880

Cathrine (sic) wife of Thomas **FARNSWORTH** died in Upshur Co., W. Va. On the 25<sup>th</sup> day of December 1867.

Thomas **FARNSWORTH** died in Buckhannon, Upshur Co., W. Va. On June 15<sup>th</sup> 1870.

William **HAWKINS**, husband of Caroline E. **HAWKINS**, died in Buckhannon, Upshur Co. West Virginia on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of July 1904 aged 68 years & eight days.

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Nelle married C. L. **HAWKINS** July 14 – 1921

Clarence Lee **HAWKINS** Born Sept 4, 1896

Alma **McCAULEY McKINNEY** married to Russell **McKINNEY**. Two children were born to this union. J. Russ died in infancy. Wm. Joseph. *(cont. on page 40 as Serendipity)*

# HISTORY OF THE HALL FAMILY

*Prepared and read at the Hall reunion at Valley Chapel, WV  
August 1932*

William **HALL**, father of Richard **HALL** through whom we are chiefly interested at this time, was an Englishman according to information of his grandson, Addison **HALL**. According to an account by his grand-daughter, Susan **HALL WRIGHT**, he came from England. William **HALL** was a Revolutionary soldier. His profession was that of a school master and was reported a reputation (having students from over the state). We are not sure of the number of children of William **HALL**, other than four, but fee sure that there were others. The four above referred to are as follows:

Top row: Lott Hall, Richard Harvey Hall  
Bottom row: Minor James Hall, William  
Henry Hall

1: William, Jr., whose wife was Mary Anne **LOUTHER** (sic)<sup>10</sup>, daughter of Jesse **LOUTHER** (sic) of West Milford. Their children were Jesse, Lucinda, William Lemuel, Cyrus, Salina, Elias Hanibal, Mary, Elizabeth, Virginia, Smith C., and Sarah Annetta. They settled on Kinchelo Creek on what is known at the **MENTER**<sup>11</sup> farm. He, his wife, and

presumably one child are buried on the knoll above the residence of Mr. **MOSS**. There are no markers on the graves.

2: Richard, of whom we will have more to say later.

3: Sarah, who became the wife of Joseph **WHITE**, who was a brother of John **WHITE**, the latter being the father of Fortunattus (*sic*), Perry **WHITE** and others. Joseph **WHITE** settled on the Ohio River below Parkersburg, at Long Bottom or Mouses Bottom. One son, Johnson **WHITE**, was for twenty three years mayor of Middleport, Ohio. There were other children of whom we know nothing.

4: Malinda became the wife of Smith **GIBSON**. They were married in Loudon County, Virginia, and moved to West Field, now Lewis County, West Virginia. Later settled on McCans Run where they spent their life and are buried on the farm on which they lived. Their children were: Lucy, the wife of Fortunattus **WHITE**, Flora, the wife of Marcellus **WHITE**, Martha, wife of George **GASTON**; Mary, wife of Van **LIGHTBURN**; Adeline, wife of

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<sup>10</sup> Lowther

<sup>11</sup> Minter

Abel **BOND**; Joseph, who was a merchant of Freemansburg; Charles, a farmer of Walnut Fork; William and Enoch of California.

Richard **HALL** was born in Westmoreland County, Virginia, on November 21, 1785. He moved to Loudon County, Virginia with his father in 1793. He came to Westfield, Harrison County, now Lewis County, west Virginia near 1806, with his brother William and his brother-in-law, Smith **GIBSON**. He was married to Mary **BAILEY**, daughter of John **BAILEY** and Frances Anne **JONES** on December 21, 18890. They lived in Westfield for a short while, then settled on the head of McCans Run near the present home of John William **HALL**. They lived there until their death. His wife died on the 20th of October, 1854, and his death occurred the following June 16, 1855. Richard **HALL** died very suddenly as did his father. He had gone to Jane Lew, bought a paper and sat down under a tree to read and later was found dead. His father, William **HALL**, was found dead in his bed. Both Richard **HALL** and his wife professed religion early in life, joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, and lived honorable members until their death.

Mary **BAILEY** had three sisters and one brother, she being the second daughter and child. The eldest was Katherine, wife of Thomas **BAILEY**. Their children were Brunette, Hudson, Emeline (wife of Wooden **FISHER**), Frances, Anne and Mary (wife of Edwin **McKINLEY**). The third daughter, Lucretia, became the wife of Washington **BAILEY**. Their children are as follows: Silas, father of Rev. Joseph S. **BAILEY**; Captain John **BAILEY**, who in after life moved to Missouri; Neuten **BAILEY**; Minter, who was killed in the Union Army; Minor C., of Broad Run; Bird, wife of John S. **BURNSIDE**; Sarah; and Susan, wife of James Madison **JACKSON**. The only son was Minter, whose wife was Anne **BAILEY**, sister of Washington **BAILEY**. Their children were: Cordelia, wife of Astoffia **BAILEY**; Luverne, wife of W. C. **BATTEN**; Elizabeth; Henry Harrison; Richard Hudson; John William; Zachary Taylor; Frances Anne; Susan and Lucretia. The youngest daughter, Elizabeth, became the wife of John **MINTOR** (*sic*). Their children were: Shelton; Caroline; Lucretia, wife of Thornton **TYLOR**; Jacob and Sarah.

1: The children of Richard and Mary **HALL** were:

a: Thompson, who married Margarete **JACKSON**, daughter of Edward **JACKSON** and sister to Edward Jr.; Cummings; Katherine, wife of John **WHITE**; and Jonathan, father of Stonewall **JACKSON**. Their (*sic*) children were: Dexter, who was a captain in the Union Army and a United Brethern Minister, he was married to Nancy **LAW**, daughter of Asa **LAW** and Mary **FELL**. Their children were: Dr. Thomas Edward **WADE**, a physician and surgeon of Weston; Warren; Mary, wife of Dr. **SMITH**; Juliet, wife of Edward **STALNAKER**; Earl; and Cummings.

b: Edward was a 1st Lieutenant in the Union Army and died of wounds in Cumberland, Maryland, on November 16, 1862 at 21 years of age.

c: Mary, first wife of William **GARDNER**, had one son, Albert, who died at about sixteen years old.

d: Juliet became the wife of Semour (*sic*) **HORNER**. They had no children.

e: Thompson **HALL** was united in a second marriage to a widow **MONEYPENNY**. They had some two or three children, but all died very young of white swelling. Both Thompson and his second wife died while his first wife's children were yet young and they made their home with their grandfather, Richard **HALL**.

2: Richard **HALL**, Jr. married Anne **GREEN**. Their children were:

- a: Minerva, who became the wife of Hamlet **HITT**.
- b: Caroline, who became the wife of John **BEEGHLEY**.
- c: James, who married Dora **MADDOX**.
- d: Adaline, became the wife of Ira P. **SIMMONS**.
- e: Mary became the wife of Thomas **KEMPER**.
- f: Morgan, who was a Baptist minister, married Olive **ALLMAN**.

3: Minor C married Nancy **JACKSON**, daughter of David E. and Juliet **NORRIS JACKSON**, and a cousin of Stonewall **JACKSON**. They had one child who died very young. Minor C. **HALL** was sheriff of Lewis County during the Civil War.

4: Felix L. was married to Abigail **BURNSIDE**, daughter of John **BURNSIDE** and Susan **SWISHER**. Their children were:

- a: Virginia became the wife of Henry **HUGHS**, minister in the M.E. Church.
- b: Rebecca became the first wife of Zachary **CHITTUM**.
- c: Mary became the wife of William **POST**.
- d: William married Harriet **RIGHTMYER**, daughter of Edward and Angus **RILEY**

**RIGHTMYER**.

- e: Sarah died in her maiden days.
- f: Bird became the wife of Alexander **STEWART** and lived near Oldfield, Barbour County, West Virginia.
- g: Angeline became the wife of James **HITT**.
- h: James Monroe married Sarah Ellen **CURRY**, daughter of Nathan **CURRY**. He died near Johnstown, Ohio. Mrs. **HALL** lives in Clarksburg, West Virginia.

5: Permelia became the wife of Grandville **BREAK** (*sic*), whose profession was that of a schoolmaster. Their children were:

- a: Pittman married Alice **BROWN** of Buckhannon. Their children were: Dr. Blonda, surgeon of Clarksburg; Percyville, now deceased; Ove, of Clarksburg.
- b: Laura became the wife of Perry G. **HARDMAN** and lived near Jane Lew. Their children were: Edward, Thomas, Mary, Mertle, wife of Washington **SMITH**, Nancy, and Weise, wife of McClellan **ALMAN** (*sic*).
- c: Olive became the wife of George **RODGERS**. They had one son, Porter, who lives near Mt. Clare.

6: Benjamin dies when a young man.

7: James Monroe **HALL** married Nancy **BURNSIDE** on December 11, 1844. She was the daughter of William and Margarete **SUMMERVILLE BURNSIDE**. James Monroe **HALL** was born May 16, 1820 and died Feb. 16, 1873. Nancy **HALL** died Feb. 5, 1863. They are buried in the Freemansburg Baptist Church Cemetery. Their children were:

- a: Sarah Elizabeth Anne became the wife of Norman Asbury **LOVETTE**.
- b: William Henry
- c: Margarete, wife of Hezekiah **BAILEY**.
- d: Minor James
- e: Richard Harvey
- f: Virginia Bird, wife of George **CUSTER**
- g: Lott
- h: Rosecrance, who died in infancy.

James Monroe **HALL** was united in a second marriage to Elizabeth Catherine **LOVETTE**, daughter of Samuel and Nancy **DAWSON LOVETTE**. Elizabeth died on October 17, 1895. Their children were:

- a: Samuel Grant
- b: Nancy Louella, who became the wife of Lloyd **ALMAN**.
- c: Bertha Jan, who became the wife of Lee **BEACH**.

8: Addison **HALL** married Nancy **THARP**, daughter of Hezekiah and Huldah **COX THARP**. Addison was born Feb. 2, 1825 and died April 16, 1880. Their children were:

- a: Columbus, a United Brethern minister.
- b: Mary Columbia, wife of John Lee **BURNSIDE**.
- c: James Bascomb of Winton, California.
- d: Nancy Emeline, who died at about three years of age.

Addison **HALL** was united in a second marriage to Sarah **STRALEY**, daughter of Joseph and Mary **SHOULDERS STRALEY**. Sarah died on Feb. 27, 187\_\_. Their children were:

- a: Joseph Scott, and a twin brother who died in infancy.
- b: Richard Addison of Weston.
- c: Martha Candace, wife of Amos Henry **HOOKER** of California.
- d: Sarah Blanche, wife of W. A. **JACKSON**, of Jane Lew.

9: Mary became the wife of William **HITT**, a local minister. Their children were:

- a: Richard, who was a minister in the United Brethern Church.
- b: John
- c: David
- d: James married Elizabeth **DAVISSON**.
- e: Nancy, wife of Ruben **MOFFET**.
- f: Maria
- g: Susan, first wife of W. C. **CUMPSTON**.
- h: Lucinda, wife of Wick **SUTTON** of North Dakota.

10: John married Susan **NORRIS**, daughter of John and Jemima **SPILMAN NORRIS**. Their children were:

- a: Berkert
- b: Dora became the second wife of Zachary **CHITTUM**.
- c: Peter
- d: Homer
- e: Alda
- f: Mary, second wife of Oscar **BROWN**.
- g: John William of McCan's Run.

11: Susan became the second wife of Thomas J. **RIGHT**. They had no children.

12: Malinda became the wife of James Spilman **NORRIS**. Malinda was born on May 18, 1835 and died Dec. 29, 1897. James was born on August 4, 1831 and died April 19, 1921.

Their children were:

- a: Mary, the second wife of Peter L. **HULL**.
- b: George
- c: Olivia, the second wife of Theodore **ALMAN**.
- d: Shadie, wife of Thomas **GLUCK**.
- e: Sarah Savannah, wife of Harvey **TAYLOR** of Bridgeport.
- f: Susas, wife of G. Letcher **WHITE**.
- g: Dora, first wife of Judson **PRITCHARD**, U.B. minister.
- h: James Addison married Mabel **RUTTENCUTTER**.
- i: Daisy, wife of Cecil **LYNCH**.

Additional information may be found in previous issues of the **Journal**.

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## Hartzel Strader Remembered

Upon learning of Hartzel's passing, HCPDer Rena **FORINASH** e-mailed me from California. I share her message with her permission.

"Daryol and I met Hartzel for the first time last summer at the Gathering. When I was in my class on photo transfers, Hartzel dragged Daryol all over Lewis County, up hill and down dale. Showed him all the places his people had been—where Charles Forinash had his land, and where the "Forinash Plantation" was. They had a blast. The man was a dynamo. I sincerely hope the family history centers in heaven are ready for him. He will have them organized and be relaying messages to us if we but listen. I firmly believe that some of the information that I have found is because my parents are up there rallying the troops. Go, Hartzel! We'll miss you.

***Rena and Daryol Forinash***





# "My Brick Wall"

by GLORIA JEAN (POWERS) HUSK

Talk about a brick wall! I have been trying for several years, with absolutely no luck at all, to get over, under, or around this brick wall pertaining to this **HARRIS** family.

My birth mother had always told me that my great-great-grandparents on her side were Indian and were from Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, just below the Franklin, Venango County, mentioned in the post below. All that

I have on this side of the family is listed below:

## Descendants of Washington **HARRIS**

### Generation No. 1

1. WASHINGTON<sub>1</sub> **HARRIS** was born in Lewis Co., WV.. He married Selma \_\_\_\_\_. He was said to have been a Methodist Preacher.

Children of Washington **HARRIS** and Selma are:

2. i. Javen Bazil<sub>2</sub> **HARRIS**, b. October 23, 1901, Lewis Co., WV.; d. January 12, 1989, Harrison Co. WVa. or Fairmont Marion Co..

ii. William E. (Bill) **HARRIS**, b. August 29, 1892; d. March 29, 1974; m.

MARY. Buried: April 01, 1974, Union Cemetery - Mt. Clare,

### Generation No. 2

2. Javen Bazil<sub>2</sub> **HARRIS** (Washington<sub>1</sub>) was born October 23, 1901, in Lewis Co., WV, and died January 12, 1989, in Harrison Co., WV, or Fairmont, Marion Co., WV. He married Nelly Virginia **GRADY** 1925 in Clarksburg, Harrison Co., WV, daughter of Joseph **GRADY** and Blanche **HARRIS**. She was born January 02, 1902, in Clarksburg, Harrison Co., WV, and died September 21, 1948 in Clarksburg.

Javen Bazil was a handyman and farmer. He also made furniture from Willow Trees. He resided at 26554 Fairmont, Marion, WV. Nelly was a housewife and worked the carnival.

Children of Javen **HARRIS** and Nelly **GRADY** are:

3. i. Jack<sub>3</sub> **HARRIS**, b. June 10, 1928.

4. ii. Francis June **HARRIS**, b. September 18, 1926, Pittsburg, Allegheney Co, PA.

### Generation No. 3

3. Jack<sub>3</sub> **HARRIS** (Javen Bazil<sub>2</sub>, Washington<sub>1</sub>) was born June 10, 1928. He married Etta \_\_\_\_.

Child of Jack **HARRIS** and Etta is:

5. i. Jeff<sub>4</sub> **HARRIS**.

4. Francis June<sub>3</sub> **HARRIS** (Javen Bazil<sub>2</sub>, Washington<sub>1</sub>) was born September 18, 1926, in Pittsburg, Allegheney Co, PA.

She married (1) Benton Glenn **POWERS**, Sr., March 27, 1944 in Buckhannon, Upshur Co. WV, son of Thomas **POWERS** and Martha **PRIVETT**. He was born March 25, 1922, in Kerens, Randolph Co., WV. She married (2) Richard Gerald **HOOD** 1956, son of Jessie **HOOD** and Arthenia **HUFFLING**. He was born January 02, 1928 in Walhalla, Oconee Co., S.C., and died January 30, 1965, in Evans, Columbia Co., GA, (certificate 001839). Richard is buried at Oconee Memorial Park, Walhalla. He served eighteen years in the Army, was a veteran of WWII; he was a cabinet maker. He was a member of Hepzibah, GA., Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church. Francis June married (3) Marvin **MCDONALD** 1982. Divorced in 1983. Francis June was a nurse, worked for the press and Woolworth's Dept. Stores.

Child of Francis **HARRIS** and Benton **POWERS** is:

6. i. Gloria Jean<sub>4</sub> **POWERS**, b. October 10, 1944, St. Mary's Hospital, Clarksburg, Harrison Co., WV.

Generation No. 4

5. Jeff<sub>4</sub> **HARRIS** (Jack<sub>3</sub>, Javen Bazil<sub>2</sub>, Washington<sub>1</sub>) He married LISA.

Children of Jeff **HARRIS** and Lisa \_\_\_\_ are:

- i. Jeffry Michaels **HARRIS**, b. Abt. 1981.
- ii. Christopher Alan **HARRIS**, b. Abt. 1983.
- iii. Rayn Monroe **HARRIS**, b. Abt. 1985.

I sure would like to know more about my **HARRIS** family. If you know anything, please contact: GLORIA JEAN (POWERS) HUSK [gjhusk@gloryway.com](mailto:gjhusk@gloryway.com), 114 Arizona Street, Carrabelle, Fl. 32322, **POWERS** & **HUSK** Families listed at: <http://www.gloryway.com>

# ????????? QUERIES ??????????

Your queries are invited and encouraged. Members are permitted unlimited queries, depending on space available. We will try to use all you submit. You may snail mail them to HCPD, 45 Abbotts Run Road, Horner, WV 26372 or e-mail them to [queries@hackerscreek.com](mailto:queries@hackerscreek.com). Be sure to tell us they are for the Journal and include your regular mailing address as well as your e-mail address. Also, it would help if you capitalized the surnames for the editor. Deadlines for the next submission is October 1, 2002.

1. Elizabeth Adeline **DUFFIELD**, d/o Robert **DUFFIELD** and Mary "Polly" **PRITT**, b ca 1835-1839, 1/m Joseph Pierson **BOGGS** (b 15 Jun 1854, d 22 Jul 1858) on 15 Jun 1854 in Braxton Co, (W)VA. They had two children: Amanda Jane **BOGGS** (m John W. **SIMMONS**) AND Maranda Haymon **BOGGS** (m Margaret **JONES**). She then 2/m James William **MACE** (b 1816, d 1890?) 12 May 1867 in Braxton Co., WV. They had eight children: Mahala **MACE**, James William **MACE** (m. Louise **FRIEND**), Alvin Curtis **MACE** (m. Flora Ann **HOLLINGSWORTH**), Benjamin Franklin **MACE** (m Sarah **CUNNINGHAM**), Edward Camden **MACE** (M. Sarah **SCOTT**), Eliza **MACE** and Nancy "Nannie" **MACE** (m. George Henry **HOOVER**). Can anyone tell me when Elizabeth died, where she died, and where she is buried. Vivian **HYTOVICK**, 14872 s. w. 11<sup>TH</sup> street, Dunnellon, FL 34432-4731 e-mail: [VivHy@aol.com](mailto:VivHy@aol.com)

2. The following are not necessarily brick walls, but cracks in the sidewalk. . . my road to researching the **HOOVER** lines in West Virginia has not been a smooth one. . . full of pot holes, speed bumps, detours, etc. . . so any help would be appreciated.

a) The following individuals were possibly born in Upshur, Lewis, or Braxton county. Can anyone give me the names of their parents, spouses, etc.? The approx dates of their births are in parenthesis following their name:

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|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| a. Demarius Jane <b>HOOVER</b> (b. ca 1860-1865) | d.. Jacob S. <b>HOOVER</b> (b. ca 1870-1875) |
| b. Margaret W. <b>HOOVER</b> (b. ca 1860-1865)   | e. Upton J. <b>HOOVER</b> (b. ca 1875-1880)  |
| c. John B. <b>HOOVER</b> (b. ca 1867-1872)       |                                              |

b) Looking for information on Eileen **HOOVER** born 1906-1909 in Nicholas Co., WV. In Lewis County ??? marriage record for Demarius Jane **HOOVER** to John Wesley **HARRIS** on 26 September 1884. If so, parents known?????

Parents of the following – I have put in parenthesis marriage dates that were on papers done by other researchers by not county listed for date of marriage.

1. Emma Ellen **HOOVER** – William Curtis **BROWN** (16 February 1893)
2. Susan Margaret **HOOVER** – Hansen Henry **CANFIELD** (9 November 1882)
3. Mary **HOOVER** – John H. **GROSE** (11 Jun 1873)

c) Looking to correspond with anyone researching this family: John **HOOVER** (1790-1866) m. Esther Nancy ??(1786 - 27-Apr-1853). There may have been two wives, one by the name of Esther and one by the name of Nancy, but I doubt that due to the fact that Nancy was living with John and Lucinda after John Senior's death. History of Braxton County, WV by John D. **SUTTON**, pgs. 385-6, states that John was born in the Shenandoah Valley, one of six brothers. To date have been unable to link John with any **HOOVER** family in Shenandoah Valley. John and Esther Nancy had four children-that I am aware of. 1)

d) John C. **HOOVER**, ( 01-Jan-1814 / 18-Nov-1893) m. Lucinda **BUTCHER** (00-May-1809 / 1871) on 10-Dec-1836; 2) Paul **HOOVER** (1816 - ? ) m. Martha **SHORT** on 11-Feb-1841. 3) Sally **HOOVER**; and, 4) Eliza **HOOVER**.

Willing to share, compare, etc on this family.

Vivian **HYTOVICK**, 14872 s. w. 11<sup>TH</sup> street, Dunnellon, FL 34432-4731 e-mail: [VivHy@aol.com](mailto:VivHy@aol.com)

3. a) I am looking for information on the descendants of Preston Alexander **JACKSON** b. 1852 and his wife Mary Elizabeth "Betty" **RIFFLE** b. 1864. I have 11 children for them: William C.; Charles; Robert L.; Thomas H.; Cleo P.; Ella Jane; Ida V.; Homer V.; Freda M.; Frances Willa m. James E. **SANDS**; Albert Nathan.

b) I would like to find descendants of Zonabelle Virginia **LESTER** b. August 25, 1917 in Athens, OH d. 1992 in OH. She was a descendant of the **RIFFLE** and **SKINNER** lines of the Braxton and Lewis Co. areas. She lived in the Magnolia-Mineral City, Ohio, area for 50 years. She was in 1940 she married Edward Soul **GUMP** and had three sons, Richard, Edward and Robert.

c) I have Mary **RIFFLE** b. September 9, 1866 d/o Isaac **RIFFLE** Jr. and Catherine **HEATER** m. a **SKINNER** and a **FOSTER**. I have no other information. Can you tell me who the husbands of this Mary **RIFFLE** were?

d) Do you have the death info for Samantha Jane **MITCHELL RIFFLE**? She was b. August 26, 1857 in Braxton Co., (W)VA to John Elam **MITCHELL** and Prudence A. **MCCALLY**. March 16, 1882 Samantha married Martin Emory **RIFFLE**. I have her last child born 1898. I have nothing on Samantha after that. Can you help?

e) I am looking for the date of death and place of burial of Bertha Isadore **RIFFLE TAYLOR** b. May 1875 d/o Martin E. **RIFFLE** and Samantha Jane **MITCHELL**. Bertha married Benjamin Isen **TAYLOR** February 1, 1894 in Lewis Co., WV. She had two children I know of, namely Abraham and Walter.

f) I would like to know the maiden surname of "Grace" w/o Benjamin F. **RIFFLE** b. April 1848 and I'd like to know all of their children's names. (Benjamin was the s/o Absolom **RIFFLE** and Susannah **ROBINSON**.) Benjamin and Grace were married abt. 1874. I know of two children by name William b. 1868 and Newton b. 1883. The 1910 Braxton Co., WV census lists Newton as the head of household with his father and mother listed as living

with his family. The census also says Grace and Benjamin were married 36 years and had nine children, seven living.

g) I would like to share information on the family of Marion **HEATER** and Sarah Jane **RIFFLE**. I have Marion b. 1865 was the s/o Hanson **HEATER** and Jemima **BOILON** and d. in 1945. I also have Sarah was b. May 5, 1867 to William T. **RIFFLE** and Margaret L. **POSEY** and d. February 9, 1898. Marion and Sarah were married October 23, 1884 in Braxton Co., WV. I have seven children for them. The only information I have on spouses is included here. Can you add to it? The children were: Evelina; Gay; Lola; David; Lela Rose m. Marion Harley **WORKMAN**; Guy; Vernie m. William Talbert **HENLINE**. Do you know the dates of birth and death for the children of Marion and Sarah and who they married?

h) I am looking to fill in blanks and update the line of William Scott **LEGG** and his second wife Ora Josephine **RIFFLE** that he married January 22, 1927 in Braxton Co., WV. They had ten children, some of whom are still living. They are Bessie Louise m. (1) Earl **JARVIS** (2) Golden **BRALEY** (3) Donald Paul **DICKEY**; Lawrence Earl m. Ines Agnes "Tine" **MARTIN**; Denver Lee m. Charlotte **BROWN**; Madge Irene died as an infant; Stanley Foster m. Jean Carolyn **COMBS**; Anna Elnora m. Charles Eldon **DUFFIELD**; David Franklin **LEGG** m. Patricia Ann **HARDWAY**; Clarice Jean m. Noble Ray **PETTIT**; Norman Robert m. (1) Dana Lynn **NEWBROUGH** (2) Ethel -?; Ruth Lorraine m. Bertis E. **HARDWAY JR.** I have some children for the above named children, but would like to update.

i) I am looking for any information on John Samuel **WALTON**, his wife Agnes "Nancy" **HANNA** and their children. John Samuel was b. abt. 1791 in Greenbriar Co., (W)VA and d. about 1853 probably in Lewis Co., (W)VA. Nancy was b. abt. 1792 and died after 1860. Nancy may also have been known as "Janey". I find their marriage recorded in Greenbriar Co., (W)VA as May 25, 1810. They had seven children: James McClung m. (1) Eveline **BROWN** (2) Margaret **OCHELTREE**; Elizabeth E. m. Joseph Thomas **BLAKE**; John Henry m. Jane S. **KELLISON**; Robert Christopher m. (1) M. Elizabeth **RITTER** (2) M. E. **CUBERLY**; Margaret; Martha A. m. Granville B. **SKINNER**; Miriam Agnes m. Luther M. **SKINNER**. Of John Samuel **WALTON**'s children, Margaret is the only one that I have no information on other than her year of birth, 1827. What became of her? I have some information on the other children of John, but would like to be able to fill in many blanks.

j) I would like to know the place of burial for Granville B. **SKINNER** d. October 18, 1892, and his wife Martha A. **WALTON** d. September 13, 1883. It is my understanding that they may be buried on the former John Jackson **SKINNER** farm on Fleshers Run. Most of the property is now underwater from the building of the Burnsville Dam. They may be buried in the orchard area.

k) I would like to know who the parents of George Washington **RIFFLE** b. July 4, 1882. He died May 18, 1962 and is buried in the Orlando Cemetery, Orlando, Lewis Co., WV with his wife. He married Hattie **SKINNER** abt. 1903 and they had seven children including Nora, Aday, Theodore, Edmond, Myrtle, James and a son.

If you can help me with any of these, please contact me by email at [JCCEKOST@aol.com](mailto:JCCEKOST@aol.com), phone 508-588-4397 or write to me at Cindy **ETHIER-KOSTKA**, 12 Montello St. Ext. Brockton, MA 02301-7101

4. **CRISLIP/CHRISLIP**. I am looking for a date of death and location for Thomas W. **CRISLIP** and his wife Hannah Keziah **SIMS CRISLIP**. Thomas was born in 1847 in Barbour County, WV and married Hannah (born in 1848 in Lewis County, WV) on October 24, 1867 in Harrison County, WV. Thomas W. was the son of Thomas B & Camelia **CRISLIP**. Hannah was the daughter of Leonard D. & Hannah (**REEDER**) **SIMS**. The last record I have been able to find they are living in Lewis County at the time of the 1880 census. Any other information would be appreciated. Please contact Elizabeth **SIMS LAYTON**, 120 Shawnee Way, Clarksburg, WV 26301 or e-mail to [laytonek@aol.com](mailto:laytonek@aol.com).

5. **SIMS**. I am looking for a date of death and location for James L. **SIMS** and his wife Margaret J. **HACKER SIMS**. James was born in 1849 in Lewis County, (W)V and he married Margaret J. (born in 1846 in Lewis County, WV) on December 5, 1869 in Harrison County, WV. James L. was the son of Leonard D. & Hannah (**REEDER**) **SIMS**. Margaret J. was the daughter of Joseph B. & Hannah **HACKER**. They were living in Upshur County at the time of the 1880 census. Any other information would be appreciated. Please contact Elizabeth **SIMS LAYTON**, 120 Shawnee Way, Clarksburg, WV 26301 or e-mail to [laytonek@aol.com](mailto:laytonek@aol.com).

6. a) Need proof of parents for Samuel **DYE** born around 1827, died March 1856 in Greene County, Pa. leaving wife Elizabeth **CUMBERLEDGE** and five children under 14. Samuel is often listed as the son of John **DYE** and Rachel **MORRIS**; however, he is not listed in the Monongalia 1850 Census as their child; he could have been married by then.

b) Also need death dates for John **DYE** b May 22, 1803 d abt 1860 (son of James **DYE** and Mary **KNIGHT**) and death verification of wife Rachel **MORRIS** (b Mar. 26, 1803 and d Apr 29, 1883) (dtr of Samuel **MORRIS** and Sarah **GARARD**). It is said they both died in Morrow County, Ohio but no proof can be found in that county.

c) Need parents and birth of Robert **HAMMOND** who married Nancy **FITTRO** in 1821, Harrison County. Robert also married Elizabeth **LOWTHER** in 1824 and went to Ohio. It has been said Robert came to America age 12 and worked for 3 yrs to pay for passage; the researcher Suzanne W. **MONROE** said his father was Elias from York, Pa., where the **FITTRO**'s lived before moving to Harrison County. Passenger lists have been researched no clues. Thanks, Ethel **NIELSEN**, 25 Bridgewood St., Irvine, Ca 92604; [een10@juno.com](mailto:een10@juno.com)

7. Looking for parents/siblings of Phebe **DAVIS** b.7 Dec 1822 Harrison Co.(?) WV, d. 21 Feb 1895 Jewell, KS. She was m. to Johnson **ARNOLD** on 15 Apr 1841 Harrison Co. WV. Karen **LOLMAUGH**, 2204 Pyramid Way, Sacramento, CA 95821, e-mail: [Lesloma@aol.com](mailto:Lesloma@aol.com)

8. Looking to expand my information on these folks if possible. All help appreciated. Stephen **WILCOX**, Sr., b ca 1760 Wales, d. 8 Oct 1837, Marion County, (W)V, who m. Anna **BAKER**, b Sep 1756. Also Stephen **WILCOX**, Jr., b 30 Sep 1790, Hampshire Co, (W)V, d. 17 Mar 1871, place??, who m Sarah **SPILLMAN**, b 6 Jan 1790, Hampshire Co, d 1 Oct 1870.

Their eleven children: Thomas Baker (my ancestor), Nancy, James, John, Scott, Allen, Asbury, Rebecca, Mary, Martha, Elizabeth. I have my line from Thomas **BAKER** on down to me, but would like to expand this if possible. All my data on this family came from someone else, and I've not confirmed this research, but will share "as is" if you like. Thanks. Freda **BLAKE BRADLEY**, 1305 Lester Street, Flatwoods, KY 41139. e-mail [fdb0127@aol.com](mailto:fdb0127@aol.com)

9. Am looking for any information on Alpheus **NAY** born 1845, died 1934 in Harrison Co. and his wife, Deem Haddox. They had a son Joseph **NAY**. Alpheus may have been born in Wetzel Co. Any help will be greatly appreciated. Charlotte FLEMING, 8521 E. Shiloh Street, Tuscon, AZ 85710 [dcfleming@Cox.net](mailto:dcfleming@Cox.net)





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